



Israel sets 3-week deadline in Lebanon

Post Diplomatic Staff
Israel will have to reconsider its position in Lebanon if, within the next three weeks, there is no significant change in the Syrian attitude to the Israeli-Lebanese agreement on withdrawal from Lebanon, a senior political source in Jerusalem said yesterday.

The source said that so far there has been no cabinet decision on a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon, but that Israel has made it clear to Lebanon and the U.S. that it cannot wait indefinitely for Syria to clarify its intentions.

This is the first time that a senior official in Jerusalem has given a time limit to the Syrians. The source said that if Israel decides on a unilateral withdrawal, it will be coordinated with the U.S. and Lebanon.

If Israel decides to change its deployment in Lebanon, it will try to do this within the framework of the Israel-Lebanon agreement. The source said that Israel does not want to create a situation whereby its withdrawal would break the agreement with Lebanon. Therefore an

effort will be made to convince both Lebanon and the U.S. that such a withdrawal should be seen as an implementation of the first phase of the agreement. Following reports from Beirut and Washington that Syria will eventually start talks with Lebanon, the political source said Israel has received no new information to indicate any substantive change in the Syrian position.

The source said the U.S. still believes that the Syrians will reach an agreement with Lebanon which will include a Syrian withdrawal, but he emphasized that for Israel, it has become highly important to know when such talks will start and when an agreement is likely to be reached between Syria and Lebanon.

The political source spoke against a background of growing terrorist actions against Israeli troops in Lebanon and a corresponding increase in concern in Jerusalem. It is likely that the latest events in Lebanon will be brought up in the cabinet's weekly session today, but it is unlikely that any new decisions will be taken.

Salem sees 'breakthrough' soon on troop withdrawal

WASHINGTON. — Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem said yesterday after meeting Secretary of State George Shultz, that he expected a breakthrough soon in efforts to secure a withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon.

Asked if his use of the word 'breakthrough' was not based more on hope than reality, Salem replied that the fundamental interests of Lebanon, Syria and the Arab world are facts that underpin his optimism.

Salem, who is concluding a six-

day 'working' visit to the U.S., voiced concern earlier this week that delay in implementing the Israeli-Lebanese troop withdrawal agreement worked out by Shultz could erode the national consensus in Lebanon in favour of the accord.

U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib, who was at yesterday's meeting with Salem, told a convention of Lebanese Americans earlier that the U.S. would not waver in its determination to secure a 'totally independent' Lebanon. (Reuters, AP)

Israeli PoWs put in solitary confinement

Jerusalem Post Staff
HTOURA, Lebanon (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organization at six Israeli prisoners of war today. PLO officials said three inmates had been shot to death in the jail-run Ansar detention camp in Hattin.

Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO's literary chief who is known as Abu Iyad, told reporters in the Bekaa valley town of Shouf:

"As a result of the inhuman and brutal treatment practices of the Israelis, we have decided to put all prisoners we have in solitary

confinement and change the treatment they were enjoying throughout the last nine months."

Wazir told reporters the immediate cause of the change in treatment of the Israeli PoWs was the shooting of three prisoners at the Ansar camp and an Israeli order to put members of the "Prisoner Defence Committee" at Ansar into solitary confinement.

The Israeli Defence Forces spokesman last night categorically denied that any inmate was shot to death.

Defence sources noted that the

Chief rabbi gave okay to 'Messiah' protest

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira was consulted by yeshiva leaders and authorized them to stage a non-violent demonstration in the performance of the Messiah in Jerusalem's Yeha Hauma on Thursday. The rabbi was "strongly opposed" to the resulting violence, according to a source close to the rabbi.

Jerusalem police arrested 13 men, allegedly students of Mercaz Harav Yeshiva, which is headed by the chief rabbi, for disrupting the performance.

Before the concert began, about

100 students from Mercaz Harav and other yeshivot demonstrated outside the concert hall. Then, during the concert, about 13 students who were seated in the hall leaped onto the stage, shouted slogans and threw down the national flag. Members of the audience booed the demonstrators and some rushed to the stage to tussle with the protesters. The concert was interrupted for about 20 minutes until the demonstrators were removed from the hall. The rabbi has learned that a number of yeshiva students informed the chief rabbi that the libretto of the oratorio, which was to be performed by the Utah Oratorio Society (Mormons)

Att says foreign currency is 'too cheap'

Post Economic Reporter
Industry Minister Gideon Patt said yesterday that he favours making purchase of foreign currency by Israelis travelling abroad dearer. He added that he hoped such a measure will be implemented in the near future.

We imposed compulsory deposits on importers to make imports more sensitive, and there is no reason why foreign currency for people travelling abroad should remain cheap," he said on the evening TV news night.

Patt said that he hopes the recent measures taken by the government to curb imports and the foreign-currency insurance schemes for exporters will be enough to resolve the country's balance of payments deficit, which was referring to the 31 per cent increase in the country's trade deficit in the first five months of the year.

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Re-elected British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband Denis greet a jubilant crowd outside 10 Downing Street on Friday after the Conservative Party's landslide victory in the general election. (UPI/telephone)

Death toll rises to 500

Three IDF soldiers killed in Lebanon

By HIRSH GOODMAN
and MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporters

METULLA. — In one of several terrorist attacks in Lebanon in the past two days, three Israel Defence Forces soldiers were killed on Friday morning north-east of Tyre, the army spokesman announced.

These deaths bring the overall number of men killed in action in Lebanon over the past year to 500. Over 50 have been killed in terrorist acts.

Segev Naftali Dugless, from Be'er Sheva, and two others were killed when a group of terrorists opened fire at 5.30 a.m. on a patrol outside the village of Dir Kanun.

According to reserve soldier Ya'acov Flahel, the first of two command cars in the patrol was attacked by light arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The vehicle was not hit by the first round of fire, but the patrol commander, driver and a soldier were killed by the second round.

Soldiers in the second command car opened fire on the attackers, who were seen escaping into a nearby orchard. The soldiers gave chase and were soon joined by other IDF

troops. Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, and OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Droni arrived on the scene shortly after. They received a full briefing from IDF commanders in the area and directed the search for the attackers.

The IDF imposed a curfew on Dir Kanun and began a house-to-house search. According to reports from Beirut, some 250 persons were arrested, IDF forces also erected roadblocks in the area.

The searches continued yesterday and the curfew was extended to the villages of Hanounye and Kana. IDF officers met yesterday with South Lebanese mukhtars who requested that the curfew be lifted.

There were other attacks on IDF troops in Lebanon on the weekend. Near Sil, south of Beirut, a bomb exploded on the side of a road as an IDF patrol passed. There were no IDF casualties, but six Lebanese, all members of one family, including children, were wounded. They were given first aid by members of the patrol.

In Sidon, two bazooka rounds were fired at IDF troops without incident. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Thatcher fires Pym Cabinet shuffle follows Tory win

LONDON. — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, re-elected by a landslide majority in Thursday's general election, yesterday fired Foreign Secretary Francis Pym and gave the job to Sir Geoffrey Howe, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a cabinet shuffle.

Replacing Sir Geoffrey as finance minister is Nigel Lawson, a Jewish communal leader who was energy secretary in her previous administration.

Thatcher also fired Transport Secretary David Howell, giving the ministry to Tim King, previously environment secretary.

She made 12 ministerial changes and reduced the cabinet to 21 from 22.

Home Secretary William Whitelaw, 65, who served as her deputy during the last four years, was elevated to the House of Lords and given the first hereditary peerage to be accorded since 1964. As Viscount Whitelaw he will have the title of Lord President of the Council and be the government's leader in the upper chamber of parliament.

Whitelaw's old job goes to Leon Brittan, a 43-year-old barrister and a prominent member of the Jewish community, who was Howe's deputy as chief secretary of the Treasury.

Other changes included:

Cecil Parkinson, chairman of the ruling Conservative Party and a friend of Israel, who managed the Tory election campaign, was promoted to Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. He takes over Sir Keith Joseph's job. Joseph, another prominent member of the Jewish community, was named to the education and science portfolio. Agriculture Secretary Peter Walker was switched to the Energy Department and his old job goes to Michael Jopling, formerly responsible for party discipline in parliament, who enters the cabinet for the first time.

The main opposition Labour party, reeling under its worst defeat in 60 years, conceded that years of internal feuding had helped bring about the Socialist debacle when voters, rejecting its leftist platform, deserted in droves to the new centrist alliance.

The 20-month-old Social Democratic-Liberal Party Alliance, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Rabin: Hits at IDF made by Lebanese

Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA. — Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin said last night that the majority of the attacks on the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon were carried out by Lebanese and not by Palestine Liberation Organization fighters.

Speaking to Kiryat Shmona residents at Beit Edelstein, Rabin added that, in addition to the published katyusha attacks on northern settlements during the past year, there had been a number of unpublished attempts to attack the settlements.

All these attempts took place while the IDF was in Lebanon and controlling the 45 kilometre border zone, he stressed.

Rabin also said that he will not support MK Yossi Sarid's demand for an inquiry into the government's handling of the war, because "it is in a format to which I am opposed."

Government policy cannot be a subject for public inquiry, he said. However, he said he would be willing to support a government inquiry into questions arising from Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich's statement about the cabinet's lack of knowledge of the steps leading to the capture of the Beirut-Damascus road.

Top Likud men raise prospect of early poll

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With controversy raging over the cabinet's handling of the early stages of the war in Lebanon, the Likud intends replying to an Alignment call for a commission of inquiry with a challenge to early elections. Political observers doubt, however, that elections will be held soon.

Over the weekend, a number of Likud spokesmen repeated their party's call for early elections. Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres responded that he supports early elections "in principle."

However, it is unlikely that the two large parties will cooperate to overcome the opposition of the small parties in early elections. Peres said that he personally favours scheduling early elections, a statement he has made in the past. But he said he did not believe there is a parliamentary majority in favour of elections. Peres said legislation was needed to cut the minimum election campaign period from 100 days to one month.

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman

Elihu Ben-Elissar and other Likud spokesmen challenged Labour to propose an early election bill, instead of proposing the establishment of an inquiry commission. Such a bill would be "a legitimate move by Labour, since the voters are the ultimate commission to pass judgement and hand down a verdict," Ben-Elissar said.

Tehiya MK Goula Coheo, who has had an early election bill pending in the Knesset for the past few months, will seek to mobilize her party for early elections.

But deputy agriculture minister Pessah Gruper, of the Liberal Party, put a damper on the prospect for early elections by saying that the Likud has undertaken not to act against the wishes and interests of its smaller coalition partners. "who oppose elections now."

Sources close to Prime Minister Menachem Begin told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Likud would support legislation for early elections if proposed by Labour, but would not take the initiative so as not to alienate its coalition partners.

Israel TV reported last night that Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich had said that both Begin and the majority of the Likud leadership favoured early elections.

Sharon won't resign if his inquiry call is rejected

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon will not resign from the cabinet if it rejects his demand for an inquiry commission investigation into government decision-making processes during the Lebanon war, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

High-ranking Herut sources told *The Post* that if the Sharon demand is brought up in the cabinet meeting today, it will be voted down by all the ministers. It is not thought that Sharon will take any further steps, however, as he will have made his point — to demonstrate his readiness to vindicate himself before an official investigation and refute charges that he had misled the cabinet during the war.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin may meet with Sharon prior to the Cabinet session, and if he does so, he will probably explain to Sharon his position against setting up a commission of inquiry and his an-

noyance at statements made by Sharon in various interviews with the media.

Government and Likud sources attempted yesterday to interpret Sharon's true intentions in calling for the inquiry. According to one estimate, Sharon's demand was made because he knows that most cabinet members will reject it, and that there is no chance of the government's deciding to appoint a commission of inquiry.

It is considered unlikely that Sharon will risk total alienation in the cabinet and the party, not to mention incurring Begin's wrath, by voting for the opposition's motion in the Knesset this week, proposing the establishment of an inquiry commission. If he does do that, he will have burned all of his political bridges, it is believed.

It is thought that if Sharon finds it impossible to vote with the coalition, he will stay away from the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Reagan says U.S. to be Israel's 'rock of support'

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — Declaring that the U.S. will be "a rock of support" for Israel, President Ronald Reagan on Friday sharply condemned the Soviet Union's policies toward the Middle East, Central America and Jewish Emigration.

At the same time, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis announced that Prime Minister Menachem Begin would visit the U.S. "in the next few weeks," although the envoy refused to provide a specific date.

Reagan and Lewis both addressed the 70th convention of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League here — Reagan by telephone for about 10 minutes, and Lewis in person for some 45 minutes. Both men's remarks were very warmly received.

The president said he remains "optimistic" that the Israeli-Lebanese agreement will eventually result in the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

"I can't believe at this point," he said, "that it's all going to end here."

But Lewis was somewhat more downbeat, insisting that the negotiations designed to win Syrian cooperation in the arrangement could drag on for several more months. "The chances of implementing it remain in the air," he said.

Lewis said U.S.-Israeli relations in the last year had hit their lowest point since 1956, when the U.S. pressured Israel into withdrawing from Sinai. But the ambassador noted that following the Israeli-Lebanese accord, the relationship has dramatically improved, and said it "is going to get better in the weeks and months ahead."

In response to a question, Lewis repeated America's long-standing policy that a withdrawal from the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Treasury clamps lid on German pension plans

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

As of today, no more Israelis will be permitted to join the widely advertised German pension schemes.

On Friday the Treasury's Foreign Exchange Commissioner Yosef Sarig signed a change in the foreign exchange regulations forbidding Israelis from joining any social-payment scheme from any foreign country, effective today.

The new regulations state that only those citizens who joined such schemes as residents of foreign countries, or who joined such schemes in Israel and started paying into them prior to June 12, 1983, will be able to participate in such plans and receive payments from them in due course.

Some 12,000 Israelis have signed up for the German pension plan, most of them in recent weeks.

The Treasury estimates that the German scheme is harmful to Israel's economy. Persons in the

scheme must pay an average of DM23,000 and this will cause additional pressures on the foreign currency balance of the country, the Treasury says.

The Treasury also says that in many cases the scheme would not be profitable for members. Although there is no way to examine its profitability to exact detail, the Treasury points to a loss of interest for the sums paid monthly. In addition the pensioners will have to pay income tax on the sums received from the scheme.

The German scheme is a result of a Social Security Treaty signed between Germany and Israel in 1975 and 1978 and effective since 1980.

This treaty came in addition to the Social Insurance Compensation Law effective in Germany since 1970 which gave beneficial treatment on pension schemes to Israelis of German origin who suffered from Nazi persecution.

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NEWSBEAT / Liora Moriel and Patricia Golan

How to mismanage a poison-disposal facility

On April 2, 1982 a huge black mushroom of smoke inched towards Beersheba from the south. It was accompanied by an acrid, nauseating odour that caused panic among residents. Anxious citizens called the authorities, asking if they should flee the city. The army considered moving troops out of the area.

The cloud had been caused by a fire at the national toxic-waste disposal site, 12 kilometres south of the city at Ramat Hovav. The following day the site was closed by court order, at the request of the Health Ministry.

Where the Poison Goes:
The second in a series of articles on the disposal of toxic wastes in Israel.

In its 2½ years of operation. In November 1979, before basic facilities had been prepared, the Ramat Hovav toxic-waste site was opened for business. Although there was no access road, no water, no electricity and no telephone (government promises notwithstanding), trucks began delivering oil sludge and other dangerous materials to the site. Sometimes they were met by the operator, a private contractor, and sometimes

by an elderly, illiterate Beduin guard. If neither was present, the drivers had keys to the gate.

According to a survey carried out before the opening of the site, there was an annual 30,000 tons of industrial toxic wastes that had to be disposed of. This was a conservative estimate, since the survey did not consider the numerous small, and often unlicensed factories around the country that produced toxic wastes.

But even this estimate made it evident that something had to be done on a national level.

Detailed studies carried out by experts in many fields concluded that Ramat Hovav was an ideal site.

It has no access to the water table, and thus could not pollute water sources, and it is remote from any authorized settlements. The original concept was that the site was to be operated as a treatment plant, and not merely a dumping ground.

Logically, one would expect a project of this magnitude — the only place that would deal with the nation's toxic wastes — to be administered directly by a government agency, such as the Environmental Protection Service.

In fact, the site was turned over to a private developer, a new immigrant from England. He had a background as an industrial (Continued on Page 5)

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Nahariya	46	17-25	27
Safed	52	15-23	27
Hula Port	60	23-26	27
Tiberias	42	21-32	31
Nazareth	54	18-24	25
Afula	49	22-28	29
Shomron	49	18-24	25
Tel Aviv	61	22-26	27
B-G Airport	56	21-27	28
Jericho	33	27-33	34
Gaza	63	23-26	26
Beersheba	46	19-27	29
Eilat	38	24-34	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

New Italian Ambassador Corrado Taliani called on Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel on Friday.

In Memoriam

The Israel-France Friendship Association will hold a memorial service on Wednesday in memory of the late Pierre Gilbert, former French ambassador to Israel. The service will take place at 5 p.m. in the Jerusalem Cinematheque, and will be attended by Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and French Ambassador Jacques DuPont.

PENSION SCHEMES

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The new treaty, in contrast, applied to every Israeli and gave him the opportunity to join German pension schemes.

Few Israelis joined the schemes during their first three years. Only when the deadline for registration — today — approached did a body established for the implementation of the treaty start an advertisement campaign. This resulted in thousands of registrations.

The great number of Israelis joining the scheme in the last weeks caused the Treasury to review its position towards the treaty, and forced it into a last-minute move to empty it of content.

The Treasury adds that there is risk involved in the German scheme. Israeli schemes can be realized before the insured person

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Two groups of zealots go on trial tomorrow

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two groups of religious Jews face trial tomorrow on charges ranging from disturbing the peace to assault. Thirteen students from Jerusalem's Merkaz Harav Yeshiva were arrested during a brawl with police officers at Binyanei Hauma. They face charges of disturbing the peace and hooliganism.

Seven ultra-Orthodox Jews were arrested on Wednesday night during a brawl with secular residents of Mekor Baruch, a Jerusalem neighbourhood where conflict between secular and religious Jews has broken out repeatedly during the past year. The seven face charges of destroying property, assault, hooliganism and resisting arrest.

All 20 were in custody Friday, when police asked for remand orders from a magistrate court. The court decided to release them, but made them post bond of IS15,000

each and ordered them not to leave the city.

Jerusalem sub-district police commander Tai-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort was meeting with community leaders from Mekor Baruch while the court was imposing the bond orders.

Comfort asked secular and religious leaders to organize joint Civil Guard patrols to lessen tension in the neighbourhood. During the last several months an ultra-Orthodox Jew was stabbed in the neighbourhood, and several secular families have been regularly harassed by zealots.

A recently formed group called Youth for Mekor Baruch plans a rally this week to protest against the zealots' assault on a community centre last Wednesday night where the brawl took place.

Religious leaders at the meeting with Comfort asked the police to prevent the rally, "or else the religious community will have to respond."



Japan's deputy foreign minister Toshifuro Nakajima, the highest ranking Japanese official to visit Israel, met on Friday with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and congratulated him on the troop withdrawal agreement signed with Lebanon last month. (Harari)

Five police injured in clash with zealots at Ramot Road

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A violent demonstration in Jerusalem's Ramot Road yesterday led to five police officers getting hurt, the arrest of five religious zealots and the damaging of at least three automobiles.

It was the first time in a year that violence broke out at the road, which every Saturday sees a regular demonstration of about 15 zealots protesting Sabbath traffic on the road that runs below a religious neighbourhood.

At least 200 zealots attended the demonstration yesterday. For the first two hours it was relatively peaceful, but the police and Border Policemen suffering a barrage of curses — mostly in English. The unusual number of protesters and their use of English suggested the crowd contained followers of the Satmar rebbe, who is visiting here with an entourage from New York. By the time the violence was over, the police had chased zealots more than two kilometres from the hilltop in Kiryat Sanz overlooking

the road to the Satmar yeshiva in Mea Shearim.

The violence began when about two dozen children were sent down the hill and to the road by the adult demonstrators.

The children began dancing on the road, disrupting traffic. Senior officers on the scene crossed the road and directed the children to the side.

It was then that the rocks began flying from the top of the hill.

The senior officer on the scene, Rav-Pakad Natan Karminsky, then ordered his men to arrest the rock-throwers.

It took a few minutes for the police to climb the hill under a hail of stones and to make arrests. At least four of those arrested spoke English with the arresting officers, and police last night were attempting to verify if those four are U.S. citizens, as they maintain.

Gaddafi tours Arab capitals

DAMASCUS. — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi wound up a six-hour visit to Damascus and talks behind closed doors with Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday and flew to an unknown destination in the course of a Middle East tour.

Gaddafi and Assad hugged and kissed at Damascus Airport before the Libyan leader departed. Assad also was on hand at the airport when Gaddafi flew in from talks with King Hussein in Amman.

While here, Gaddafi also met with some Palestinian leaders based in Damascus and with Lebanese Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, an opponent of the Israel-Lebanon troop withdrawal accord, Libyan sources added.

Gaddafi's tour of Arab capitals follows an apparent Saudi diplomatic initiative to heal rifts in the Arab world.

Aside from differences over U.S. peace proposals, the Arab camp is divided over the Gulf War, with Libya and Syria sympathizing with non-Arab Iran, while the Saudis and their Gulf allies finance Iraq.

Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat, meanwhile, arrived in Riyadh from Kuwait yesterday to meet Saudi Arabian King Fahd.

Diplomatic sources said that Fahd had summoned Arafat to brief him on the recent visit to Saudi Arabia by Gaddafi. (AP, Reuters)

TORY VICTORY

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which came up behind the two major parties to snatch a quarter of the vote but few seats, dubbed Thursday's ballot a "scandal of democracy."

Final results showed Thatcher, with a 144-seat overall majority in the 650-member House of Commons, compared with a 35-seat advantage in the last parliament.

The Conservatives now have 397 seats, Labour 209 and the Alliance 23.

The Conservatives' 42.4 per cent of the vote — compared with Labour's 27.6 per cent and the Alliance's 25.3 — was down 1.5 per cent from the 1979 election, which brought Thatcher to power.

Labour leader Michael Foot, 69, who described the result as a "tragedy," was not expected to survive in his job past the party's annual conference in the fall although he was re-elected for his seat in Wales with an overwhelming majority of 23,625 — more than double that of Thatcher.

Tony Benn, leader of Britain's radical left, was ousted from parliament in a stunning general election upset.

Jerusalem Post correspondent Hyam Corney adds:

Grenville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and a vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, held on to his

Labour seat in Leicester West though with his majority reduced from almost 9,000 to just over 1,700.

While the Jewish community here is delighted at his return to parliament, where he is a leading advocate of Jewish and Israeli causes, there is disappointment that the number of Jewish MPs is well under the 32 in the last House. I have been able to identify only 23 — 13 Conservatives, 10 Labour and none from the Liberal-SOP alliance.

Janner will not be joined by his son, 26-year-old Daniel, who stood for the first time in a strong Tory seat. But there will be a Jewish mother-and-son partnership. Sally Oppenheim, a former minister in Thatcher's government, is now joined by her son.

Among other prominent Jews who retained their seats were Malcolm Rifkind, a junior Foreign Office minister in the last government; Ian Mikardo and Reg Freeson, both active Labour Zionists, and former Labour ministers Gerald Kaufman and John Silkin.

But there will be no woman rabbi in the House. Julia Neuberger, who stood for the SDP in a South London constituency, came a poor third.

All candidates who stood for extremist racist parties failed to get more than a few hundred votes.

ISRAELI POWS

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International Committee of the Red Cross has a permanent representation at Ansar; that no segment of the prison population has been isolated from any other, and that no punitive steps, other than those routine in a prison camp, have been employed.

The sources said that the PLO knows well that it could have every single one of the over 4,500 prisoners being kept at Ansar back in exchange for the Israeli prisoners, but that for reasons that remain incomprehensible to Israel, the PLO has refused all offers for such an exchange.

Negotiations with the PLO, through the Austrians, the Red Cross and others have been going on for months to no avail.

A Red Cross official said earlier that three prisoners had tried to

Labour attacks Shamir on war casualties

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's reaction team issued a strong statement on Friday criticizing Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir for his allegation that the Alignment was partly responsible for the continuing casualties in Lebanon.

"Crying 'Alignment' is a rusted weapon," Labour said, adding that Shamir should have resigned after the Kahan Commission clearly indicated it did not believe his testimony.

Speaking on Kol Yisrael's weekly newsreel yesterday, Shamir said that he did not regret making the allegation. "I am sorry the situation has arisen, but I am not sorry about what I said," Shamir said. "This is the first time that a war has become a partisan war, that spilled blood has been used for political capital, it

encourages our enemies to think that if they wait long enough our morale will collapse."

He stressed that "we all want to get out of Lebanon," but said a withdrawal must be made "in an orderly fashion and in a way which will guarantee peace for the Galilee and for the entire country."

Shamir insisted that the internal squabbling over the war in Lebanon must cease because it does not interest the public and only hurts the country's interests.

He said he understood the desire of Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon to prove himself in the right, but believed that the interests of the country must take precedence over personal feelings and interests. Sharon, he said, must give up his idea of demanding a commission of inquiry into the conduct of the war.

Weinberger reaffirms support for Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, continuing his fence-mending with Israel and the American Jewish community, has declared that the U.S. has "an important stake in Israel's security."

"Let me say, once again, that I am a great admirer of Israel," he said. "But let me also say that even if I did not have this personal commitment, as secretary of defence, I would have to be a strong supporter of Israel."

He said that U.S. national interests made such support for Israel essential. "We have enormous strategic interests in the Middle East," he said. "Israel has a most ef-

fective military force and a stable government."

"We know that the Soviets would dearly love control over the Middle East's resources and strategic checkpoints, but Israel stands determinedly in their way."

"Finally, the U.S. cannot afford to have our other friends in the region conclude that we are unreliable — as they would certainly if we were seen to abandon Israel."

Weinberger made the comments in a letter to the editor of the *Long Island Jewish World*, a weekly publication which earlier had published an interview with Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato, who had criticized Weinberger's policies toward Israel.

REAGAN

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Golan Heights was envisaged under the terms of UN Security Council Resolution 242, adopted after the 1967 Six Day War. He said the U.S. still considers the Golan to be "occupied territory," despite the 1981 Knesset action extending Israeli law there.

But at the same time, Lewis said that, "as far as I know, there is no 'hidden disposition' in this administration to try to buy off the Syrians" by making promises regarding the Golan. "I would be sceptical that it could succeed," he said.

Reagan's prepared message once again underlined the administration's sharp opposition to Soviet policies in a whole range of areas. Thus, he charged that the Soviet Union, by curtailing Jewish emigration and "persecuting innocent people," had made a "mockery" of the 1975 Helsinki accords.

On the Middle East, the president hailed the Israeli-Lebanese agreement and deplored the Soviet military buildup in Syria. He

pledged that the U.S. would continue to maintain Israel's "qualitative edge" in the arms race.

"The U.S. will be a rock of support," he said. "We will not waver in our commitment to protect Israel's security."

The president also urged the Jewish leaders to support his Central American policy. "It's no coincidence," he said, "that the same forces which are destabilizing the Middle East — the Soviet Union, Libya and the PLO — are also working hand in glove with Cuba to destabilize Central America."

Lewis, in his lengthy review of American-Israeli relations, said Reagan is the first U.S. president to regularly and publicly refer to Israel as an ally. "He means it and I mean it," Lewis said.

He reaffirmed the administration's commitment to Reagan's September 1 Middle East peace initiative, declaring that it is "the most promising and fairest" plan on the table. "He (Reagan) doesn't intend to back off," Lewis said.

SHARON WON'T RESIGN

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Knesset plenum during the vote. Sharon himself refused to comment publicly on how he would cast his Knesset vote. Speaking to reporters on his return to Israel on Friday, he said that he believes "an inquiry would prove beyond any doubt that the government's functioning and decision-making processes during the war were beyond reproach and that the prime minister and the ministers took an active part in orderly and proper decision-making and policy formulation."

Sharon went on: "I am the one under fire here. I am the one being attacked by a host of slander-mongers. It is only natural that I would respond and seek to establish the truth. If the accused is willing to be investigated, it is only fair to demand that his accusers should likewise agree to be questioned," Sharon said.

Alluding to his detractors inside the cabinet, especially Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich, he claimed that "there are people who deliberately want to create a rift between me and Begin, but our relations are too deeply rooted for them to succeed."

Begin has indicated that he would

strenuously oppose any move to establish an inquiry commission — whether it came from inside the coalition or from the opposition.

The feud between cabinet ministers, especially Sharon and Ehrlich, did not come up explicitly Friday morning when Begin met with Herut ministers and members of his party's secretariat, but the "wars of the ministers" were clearly one of the main topics on the agenda, even if not formally so. It was agreed by all who attended the meeting, at Metzuad Ze'ev, not to divulge any details of the discussions, but it is understood that Begin appealed to the ministers to present a united front and cooperate with each other.

Begin stressed that "very tough challenges are facing the government from within the country and without, and it will not be able to cope if it is torn asunder from within."

The Post learned that Ehrlich was widely condemned at the meeting for his TV statements last week in which he claimed that the cabinet was only given partial information during the war on IDF operations. He is also thought to be the source for newspaper revelations of the same vein last week.

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Syria well aware of IDF's strength, says Bar-Lev

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Syrians are well aware of the IDF's strength, both from its performance last year and from its record over all the wars in which Syria fought against Israel, Labour Party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev said on Israel Radio on Friday.

"Any army man knows that you cannot be in an area like Lebanon, with all its internal problems, without your troops being hurt," he went on. "You could ask whether our leaving ourselves exposed to terrorism there, and our inability to overcome it, does not lower the Syrians' estimation of our ability," he added. "But I do not ask because that is not the right question," said the former chief of staff.

The real point, said Bar-Lev, is that the government has maneuvered Israel into a situation from which there is no satisfactory exit. "Return to the international boundary would be bad, so would staying where we are, and I cannot say that the idea we advocate, withdrawal to the minimum security area we need to protect our northern border, is a wonderful solution either. The best that can be said for it is that it is the lesser of the evils."

He said getting Syria out of Lebanon would have some advantages, but is not critical to Israel's

security. In fact, keeping the Syrian army divided between Lebanon and the Golan Heights could be an advantage for us, he said, since Syria is the only one of our immediate neighbours still talking about war.

Bar-Lev said the statements he made to the president of the Spanish senate about willingness to give up a fraction of the Golan Heights when and if the Syrians were ready to talk peace were not qualitatively different from what deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir said at an official press conference in New York. "I am sure the Syrians read our party platform, not to mention Ben-Meir's statement. The Likud, and the media, blew the whole thing way out of proportion."

The Israel Radio interviewer pointed out that criticism of Bar-Lev's statement had come not only from the Likud but also from circles in his own party. Since any statement by a Labour leader seems to evoke objections from someone else in the party, he asked, doesn't this indicate a need for party reorganization? "If our purpose were to have an easy life and a good public image, then we should eliminate the dissonant voices of the doves and hawks. However, if the purpose is to be the biggest party, and to return to power, then we have to unite everyone."

Begin meets winners of Arabic literature prize

Prime Minister Menachem Begin met in his office on Friday with the two recipients of the 1983 Prime Minister's Prize for Arabic Literature, poet Michel Haddad of Nazareth and author Mahmud Abasi of Shfaram.

Begin presented the two with parchment certificates. They received their cash awards at a special ceremony at the Tel Aviv Writers House 10 days ago. (Itim).

Navon makes aliya plea

Making his first public appearance since leaving the presidency, Yitzhak Navon totally avoided all reference to political matters, when he spoke to the world bureau of the World Labour Zionist Movement at Kiryat Anavim, near Jerusalem, on Friday afternoon.

Navon made a strong plea for aliya, saying that Israelis are to blame for refusing to confront diaspora Jews with the problem. "We have not challenged them about coming to live here," he said, "so we cannot come to them with complaints."

SHEKEL. — A shekel minted in the fifth year of the Jewish War (against the Romans) was sold for Swiss FR310,000 (about \$57.6 million) at an auction in Zurich on Thursday. It was purchased by an Arab dealer.

Menahem Eitan named head of IDF planning



Jerusalem Post Staff

Tai-Aluf (Brigadier-General) Menahem Eitan was appointed Head of the Planning Branch at the general staff and was promoted to the rank of aluf (major-general), effective last Friday, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman announced in Jerusalem. Eitan replaced Aluf Ehud Barak, who is currently serving as Chief of Military Intelligence.

Eitan, 44, was born in Israel and began his career in the IDF in 1957 in Nahal. In the Lebanon war he was commander of the IDF forces in the central sector and afterwards commander of the troops in the Beirut region.



Defence Minister Moshe Arens (behind flag) meets at the end of last week in his bureau in Tel Aviv with a delegation from the Colombian Defence College (Defence Ministry)

Former Bank of Israel chiefs rap gov't's economic policy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government should use the war in Lebanon and the world economic crisis as reasons to change priorities, instead of as excuses to explain away economic failures, former Bank of Israel governor Moshe Sanbar said in an interview on Kol Yisrael Radio's weekly newscast yesterday.

"Countries at war do not usually permit themselves the luxury of raising their citizens' standard of living, but that is what we are doing," he said. He added that the government may have feared more vigorous public criticism of the war "if, in addition to the lives lost, we would have had to pay higher prices or higher taxes."

Sanbar commented that Aridor's so-called "correct economics," which he calls wrong economics,

have in effect been continued. Before the 1981 election, the prices of imports were lowered, now the same effect is achieved by retarding the devaluation of the shekel, he explained.

Eliezer Shefer, a former deputy governor of the bank told the same interviewer that it is impossible to maintain the citizens' sense of well being for long in a poor economy. "We cannot assume that the world will be willing to finance any deficit we choose to create. Our external debt is burgeoning and that not only makes us too dependent on external political or business interests, it also creates a situation where people may become less willing to give us credit."

"At some point, the economy of illusions will have to be replaced by something more realistic," said Shefer.

Workers asked not to waste electricity

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The general manager of the Electric Corporation has appealed to his staff to use less electricity, which they get free, and especially to avoid "exaggerated and ostentatious" consumption of power.

Yitzhak Hofi, who was appointed general manager after his retirement as head of the Mossad last year, appears to have given up hope of getting the workers to forgo the unlimited free electricity they receive as a fringe benefit.

In his appeal, published on the front page of the latest issue of the

corporation's house organ "Hashmal," Hofi noted that the free electricity is drawing criticism from the public, because of the monthly increase in electricity prices.

By "ostentatious consumption," some employees are harming the image of the corporation and making it hard for the management to get the authorizations it needs to run the company properly, Hofi said.

The over 7,000 Corporation employees and pensioners receive unlimited free electricity and have resisted repeated efforts by the government, Knesset and management to abolish or limit the benefit.

Austrian minister sees improved bilateral ties

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Austrian Social Affairs Minister Alfred Dallinger told Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel on Friday that Austria expects its relations with Israel to improve.

Dallinger, a staunch friend of Israel, is in Israel heading a delegation from the Austrian Clerical Union, of which he is president.

Dallinger also met Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, who told

him that Syria was using the Palestine Liberation Organization in its efforts to win hegemony in the Arab world.

Peace Now hold rally outside Begin's house

Some 500 Peace Now supporters yesterday held a silent demonstration in memory of Israeli soldiers fallen in Lebanon and as an act of solidarity with the ongoing anti-war, vigil being held outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's home.

Peace Now decided to hold their police-authorized rally late on Friday afternoon, after hearing news of three more soldiers killed in Lebanon.

Dozens of phone calls were made to Peace Now leaders in Jerusalem, said a spokesman for the organization. "People wanted to do something, to say we have had enough," he said.

Speaking at the rally, Peace Now leader Tzvi Reshef called for Begin to bring the troops home. "We have said all there is to say, and are tired of saying it over and over again," he said.

Movement founded as counter to Peace Now

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A new movement aimed at supporting the government's position in Lebanon was founded yesterday at the Marina Hotel here. The Movement for Israel's Security will seek to serve as a counterweight to Peace Now, which it says "makes lots of noise without having mass support."

Former Netanyahu mayor Oved Ben-Amir was elected president of the new group, which claims to represent the nation's "silent majority." It was said at the meeting that Israel's soldiers in Lebanon must be given the feeling that they are serving the state, despite the public controversy over the war.

JUDO. — Judo lessons for blind children will be given free of charge at the Abba Khoushy community centre in Haifa two afternoons a week.

\$6.2m. phone exchange to improve overseas calling

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Communications Ministry and ITT-Belgium signed an agreement on Friday for the purchase by Israel of a \$6.2 million digital telephone exchange that will "greatly improve" overseas and intercity calls.

According to the ministry, the equipment, which will be installed in Tel Aviv in 14 months, is the most advanced available. There is no such exchange of its size outside the U.S. The deal was signed by Communications Ministry director-general Eliahu Barak and F. Fleurbaey of ITT-Belgium.

The exchange will increase the

number of international phone lines in Israel by 150 per cent — from 1,050 to 2,550. Calls from Israel to the rest of the world, by direct dialling and by dialling the "18" operator, will be much easier, according to the ministry. The ministry will also invest nearly \$500m. in infrastructure for undersea and satellite facilities for making the lines operable.

During the past fiscal year, the Communications Ministry earned a total of \$110m. in net profits on overseas calls, and expects profits this year to reach \$150m.

The ministry expects income from overseas calls to increase dramatically once the new exchange is installed next year.

Police 'frustrated' in nun-murder case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem police investigating the murder of two nuns at the Russian Orthodox convent in Ein Kerem last month complain that convent and church officials are not cooperating with them, and one police source says that "this is because of instructions from Moscow."

Some of the meagre evidence in the hands of the police "requires serious questioning" of some members of the mission, said a key source. He declined to specify which members of the mission he

was referring to, but indicated strongly that it involves the kind of questioning that in similar cases would require custody of the person being interrogated.

The Foreign Ministry and the Religious Affairs Ministry are carefully following the investigation, but have done nothing to impede the investigation, police sources have said.

But "the delicacy of the matter," said one Jerusalem source, "in terms of political issues," has investigators frustrated.

5 honoured for saving Jews in Holland

Jerusalem Post Staff

Five people who risked their lives to save Jews in Holland during the Holocaust will be honoured today at tree-planting ceremonies on the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem. The five are Alexander Bernard, Cornelis Montanus, Cor Van Vijk, Suzanna Oldeman-Met and Lydia Van Zwol-Nordland.

Alexander Bernard headed an underground group in Leiden called Group Lex. In that capacity he organized many activities to rescue Jews, including helping Jews to obtain forged documents and food. Cornelis Montanus and Cor Van Vijk, also members of the underground group, worked with Bernard and participated in the rescue activities at great risk to their lives.

Suzanna Oldeman-Met was a nurse in Leiden who lived in a one-

room apartment above a neighbourhood clinic. At the time of transports to concentration camps from Leiden, where she learned what was happening to the Jews, she hid in her apartment and cared for an old Jewish couple, a Jewish woman who was later joined by her husband and son, as well as a three-month old Jewish baby. She did this despite the fact that a Nazi family lived near the clinic.

Lydia Van Zwol-Nordland was an assistant of the local commander of a national Dutch organization that worked to help people in hiding. Van Zwol-Nordland helped find a hiding place in Velp for 300 people, including 90 Jews. She also passed on forged documents to people in hiding.

The ceremonies honouring the five are to take place at 11 a.m. today.

Hammer: Reading test is for uprooting illiteracy

Jerusalem Post Staff

The purpose of Education Ministry reading tests for third-graders is to make unnecessary two years from now IDF courses for illiterate soldiers, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said on Friday.

Speaking at a forum of the top echelon of his ministry, Hammer said that the ministry initiated the tests not to be able to boast about

success figures, but to identify pupils who have reading difficulties and to help them.

The education minister reported that the second stage of identifying these pupils has begun. All those

who failed the national tests are being tested again and individual remedial programmes will be worked out.

Leopold Grunwald Wing — Modern Operating Theatres Facility Opened at Hillel Yaffe Hospital, Hadera

A ceremony marking the official opening of the Leopold Grunwald Operations Wing will take place today at 5 p.m., at the Hillel Yaffe Hospital-Hadera, in the presence of Health Minister Eliezer Shostak, and Mrs. Ilse Grunwald.

The erection of the operations wing involved an investment of \$4m., half of which was donated by Leopold Grunwald's widow, Ilse.

In making this donation, Mrs. Grunwald was fulfilling the wish of her late husband, who left her the financial means to contribute to the development of medicine in Israel. Mrs. Grunwald decided to use the money to build a new operating theatre wing in Hadera.

Leopold Grunwald, who was the Consul-General of Ecuador in Vienna, expressed the wish that his estate should go to the State of Israel.

The wing was built using a construction system in which industrialized building was combined with conventional methods, with the aim of producing operating theatres of high quality, advanced technology being employed throughout.

The wing contains three units, each consisting of two operating theatres.

There are also two rooms for the preparation and initial anesthetizing of patients. The remainder of the wing is taken up with two scrub rooms, a modern patient recovery room, stores, service rooms for staff, and a patient reception room.

The plan of the wing is based on a "clean" corridor for patient transfer and the movement of medical staff and sterile materials, and a service corridor, also used for the transfer of used materials for disposal, and maintenance. This plan, which has already been employed with success in other installations, improves efficiency, and simplifies the maintenance of sterile conditions in the operating wing.

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Foreign pianist donates concert salary to IPS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Pianist Bella Davidovich, who is currently performing in a series of concerts with the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra, announced yesterday that she intends donating her income from the concerts to the orchestra.

The Russian-born pianist, who now lives in the U.S., said that she will donate part of the sum to the Swedish Village, an institution for retarded children in Jerusalem.

System of rotation for police in areas

Israel Police has recently decided to rotate policemen serving in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In terms of the new policy, service in the occupied areas will not exceed five years, after which the policeman will return to serve within the Green Line. (ITIM).

Job fair at HU

The Hebrew University will hold a job recruitment fair for university students about to enter the job market between June 13 and 16.

Students will be interviewed at the Student Union building on the Mount Scopus campus and the Levy Building on the Givat Ram campus from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. by representatives of various Israeli firms and institutions. Among the potential employers are banks, hotels, the IDF, hospitals, electronics companies and the income tax authorities.

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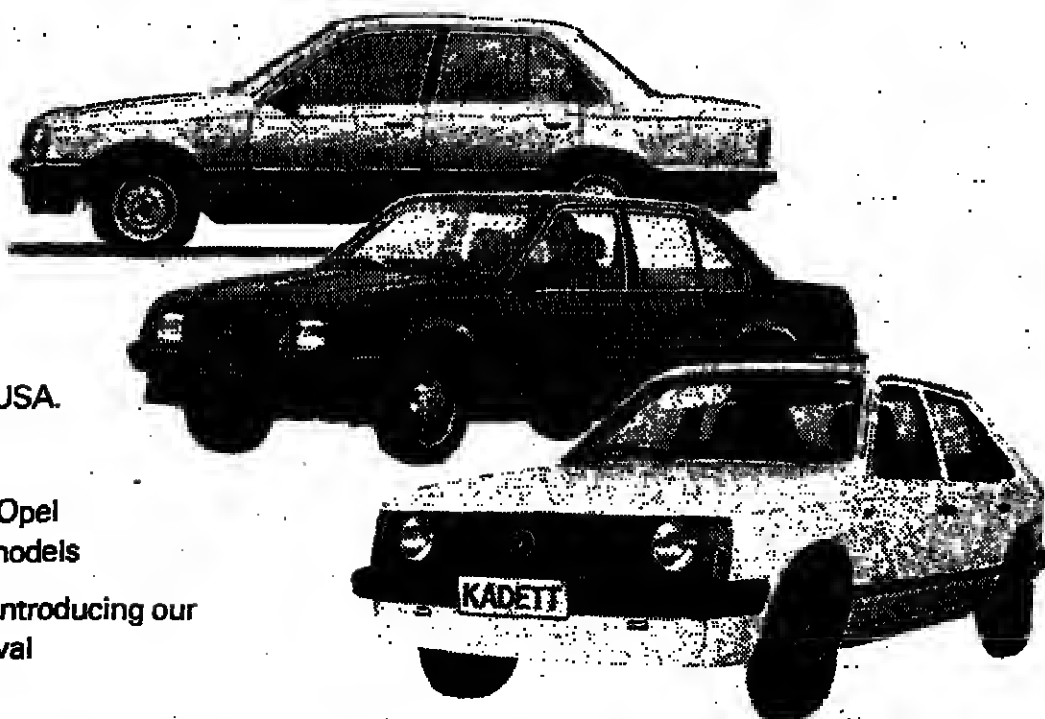
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OAU summit ends with call to end Sahara war

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — African leaders wound up their first summit in two years yesterday with a resolution urging Morocco to negotiate directly with Polisario guerrillas fighting for an independent Western Sahara.

It was the first step towards an internationally-supervised referendum, to which the Organization of African Unity has been committed for two years. Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta hinted that would abide by the resolution, saying his government was willing "to explore all avenues" leading to a settlement of the war.

OAU summit meetings broke down twice last year, once over the Western Sahara and again over who should represent Chad.

This time, no formal objections were raised to the seating of the Chadian government of Hissene Habre, who ousted Libyan-

supported Goukouni Oueddei last June.

Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi suffered a series of setbacks at the summit and left Addis Ababa shortly after the opening ceremony. The OAU chairmanship which he coveted went to Ethiopian leader Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam. The summit fiercely attacked South Africa for what it called Pretoria's persistent attempts to destabilize neighbouring countries.

It also condemned Israel's policies and urged the creation of a Palestinian homeland.

Moscow concerned at spread of Islam

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The spread of the Moslem faith among young people in the southern Soviet Union is causing concern among communist officials, according to a report in a Moscow newspaper yesterday.

The youth daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said illegal Moslem organizations were becoming more skilful at attracting believers to the faith than in the past and were becoming increasingly successful.

"This explains the fact that among believers today we see not only the culturally backward but people with a middle or even high education," it added.

The newspaper article was written by a professor for Marxist-Leninist philosophy, Abaya Shulebayev, who urged party officials to step up "atheistic education" to counter it.

Turkey arrests 35 accused terrorists

IZMIR, Turkey (AP). — The martial law command in this Aegean coastal city said Friday that it had arrested 35 right-wing terrorists accused of killing five people and wounding three in Denizli and Isparta provinces.

It said the suspects were also charged with several bombings and other armed attacks.

The suspected terrorists are members of the outlawed youth clubs that used to be affiliated with the now-defunct National Movement Party of Col. Alparslan Turkes. Leaders of the party are currently on trial charged with provoking an armed rebellion aimed at setting up a fascist dictatorship before the military takeover in September 1980.

Ethiopia rebels treated UK captives as 'guests'

LONDON (Reuters). — Four British famine relief workers abducted by guerrillas in Ethiopia said when they flew home yesterday that they were treated more like guests than captives.

At the end of their two-month captivity they told a news conference that they always knew they would get out safely.

The three women and a male doctor were working for the British charity, Save the Children Fund, when they were seized by rebels who overran the town of Korem on April 11.

They were set free on Thursday in Khartoum, capital of neighbouring Sudan, along with six other captured aid workers, after being moved hundreds of kilometres about guerrilla-held sections of Ethiopia's Tigrey province.

ANDROPOV. — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has accepted an invitation from Finnish President Mauno Koivisto to visit neighbouring Finland, the official news agency Tass said on Friday, but there was no word on when the visit could take place.

Protest planned against U.S. role in Latin America

WASHINGTON. — Opponents of U.S. military involvement in Central America have called for a mass rally on July 2 at the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial, drawing complaints from those who feel the site is inappropriate for political protest.

President Ronald Reagan has repeatedly said he has no intention of sending U.S. combat troops to El Salvador, but some administration officials say privately that an increased U.S. military commitment in Central America might be needed to block a leftist victory in El Salvador.

The head of the Honduran army said in Washington yesterday he would like a commitment by the U.S. to send troops, if his country is attacked by Nicaragua.

Gen. Gustavo Alvarez Martinez, ending a three-day visit, told *The Washington Post* in an interview that Honduran forces could "stand the first push," but later "it might be necessary for the United States to intervene."

Walesa denied leave during papal visit

WARSAW (AP). — Solidarity chief Lech Walesa has been denied permission for a leave from his shipyard job in Gdansk that would allow him to meet Pope John Paul II on his pilgrimage.

But Walesa is awaiting a formal rejection of the request in writing from the management of the shipyard, birthplace of the independent Solidarity union federation, before planning his next moves, the aides said.

Judge slaps ban on protests against S. African handings

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — Fearing racial unrest, a judge slapped a 48-hour ban on protests against the hanging of three African National Congress guerrillas on Friday.

The ban, issued by Johannesburg's acting chief magistrate, J.P.M. Duvenage, took effect at 6 a.m. yesterday and extends until the same time tomorrow.

It outlawed a major gathering planned for today in Lenasia, an Indian township south of Johannesburg, where members of the hanged men's families were expected to speak. Also slated to address the meeting was a daughter of imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

The ban covered the Johannesburg magisterial district, which includes the black city of Soweto. It did not cover other urban centres.

Elsewhere in the country, students at a black university boycotted Friday's classes in the wake of the hangings.

Police arrested three students during a demonstration at Fort Hare university in the tribal homeland of Ciskei as classes were boycotted.

Month-long fast of Ramadan starts

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Millions of Moslems throughout the world yesterday began observing the Ramadan month of fasting.

Children, pregnant women, travellers and the sick are exempt from the dawn-to-dusk fast, during which eating, drinking and smoking are forbidden.

In Saudi Arabia, the Interior Ministry said on Saturday that Moslems working in the kingdom would be deported if they were caught eating, drinking or smoking in public.

In some Moslem countries, such as Iraq, South Yemen and Kuwait, where the crescent moon was not sighted on Saturday night because of poor visibility, Ramadan starts today.

France to salvage Napoleon's ships

CAIRO (AP). — The Egyptian antiquities department has approved a French government request to salvage wrecks from the fleet that brought Napoleon and his army to Egypt in 1798, *Al-Akhar* newspaper has reported.

The newspaper gave no indication when salvage operations would begin, but said as many as 13 vessels may be recovered. They include the flagship *L'Orient*, which was

believed to be carrying a large amount of gold.

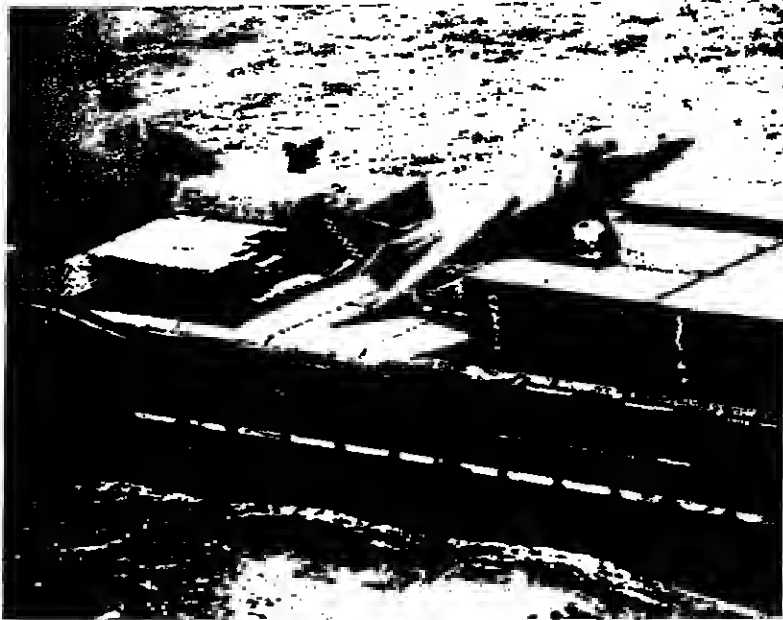
According to the report, the Egyptians have claimed *L'Orient*, while the rest of the vessels will be divided equally between France and Egypt.

The French fleet was sunk by the British under Admiral Nelson in Abukir Bay, off Alexandria. The engagement became known as the Battle of the Nile.

Tight security for Trooping of the Colour

LONDON (AP). — Amid fears of a possible Irish Republican Army attack, police provided tight security for Queen Elizabeth II as she rode by her brigade of guards yesterday in the annual Trooping of the Colour ceremony.

Press reports said police were alerted to a possible attempt by the



View of a British navy Harrier jet on deck of the Spanish freighter Alraigo on its way to Tenerife last week. The plane managed to make an emergency landing on the ship's deck after losing contact with its mother ship during maneuvers and having only one minute of fuel left in its tanks. (UPI telephoto)

6 cities included in Pope's visit to Poland this week

VATICAN CITY (AP). — Pope John Paul II will visit six cities during his coming tour of Poland, including Warsaw, his former diocese of Krakow, and the one-time Solidarity stronghold of Wroclaw.

John Paul will fly from Rome to Warsaw on Thursday on the opening leg of his second pilgrimage to his homeland since his election in 1978 as the first Polish pope.

The Polish government has said his activities in Warsaw will include a meeting with Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who decreed martial law in December, 1981 to crush

the church-backed Solidarity labour union.

Other cities on the pope's itinerary include Niepokolenow, 40km. south of the capital, where a shrine was founded by Polish priest Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life to save another man in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. Last October the pope proclaimed Kolbe a saint and a martyr.

The pope will also visit Czesochowa, 220 km. southwest of Warsaw, the site of Poland's holiest shrine, and the industrial city of Poznan.

In Warsaw, it was announced that the authorities will allow directors of the suspended Writers Union to meet the day before the pope arrives.

The official PAP news agency reported on Friday that the union's main governing body would meet on Wednesday to "make possible the removal of the reasons" for the union's suspension.

It was one of many unions suspended when the government imposed martial law on December 13, 1981.

Nato foreign ministers agree on new missile deployment

PARIS — The U.S. and its NATO allies have approved deployment of new nuclear missiles in Europe this year unless there is agreement with the Soviet Union on an arms reduction pact.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and foreign ministers from other NATO countries ended their annual two-day spring strategy session on Friday with a declaration telling the Soviets, "If concrete results through negotiations cannot be reached, deployments as planned will begin."

The declaration referred to the Geneva negotiations between the Soviet Union and the U.S. on medium-range missiles in Europe. At the same time, Geneva negotiations also are being conducted on limiting strategic, or long-range, nuclear missiles.

The Ministers will meet next on December 8 and Shultz told a news conference, "In the meantime, the scheduled deployments will take

place unless there is an agreement about some other pattern of deployments."

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns said before the meeting that no further go-ahead, even by NATO defence ministers meeting in Canada this fall, would be required to carry out the deployment of the medium-range missiles.

Greece was the only NATO member that declined to endorse the decision. Denmark and Spain listed some reservations, but gave their ultimate assent.

In Moscow, the official news agency Tass yesterday said that there were good prospects for success at the talks in Geneva if only the U.S. attitude changed.

"Particular note should be taken of the fact that the situation is not yet finally deadlocked and that a way out still can and must be found," Tass said. "Given goodwill in the NATO capitals, agreement can still be reached." (AP, Reuters)

Kurds are called up in Iraq, Iran rejects Ramadhan truce

BAGHDAD (Reuters). — Iraq, locked in a 34-month-old war with neighbouring Iran, has issued a military conscription order for Kurds born in 1963 and 1964, ending an exemption announced earlier this year. Baghdad Radio reported yesterday.

President Saddam Hussein's Revolutionary Command Council exempted all Kurds from military service in March. The exemption was intended "to build confidence between the Kurds and the authority... so that if we call them again to serve the homeland they will join with full confidence."

No reason for the lifting of the exemption was given.

Iraq set up the Kurdistan autonomous region, bordering Iran and Turkey in the north, in 1977 after crushing a 20-year rebellion there.

In Teheran yesterday, Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini rejected Hussein's proposal of a cease-fire in the Gulf war during the Moslem holy month

of Ramadhan, which began yesterday.

"We have to be alert not to be taken in by such fooleries," Teheran radio quoted him as telling a group of clergymen. "If Hussein finds himself in a strong position he may attack."

Iran insists it will not stop fighting until Iraqi troops withdraw to the pre-war border. Iraq pays war damages, and the government in Baghdad is "punished" in some way for being the "aggressor" in the conflict.

Kurdish dissidents on trial in Turkey

ISTANBUL (AP). — A new mass trial of 237 Kurdish dissidents is under way in the southern city of Adana, Turkish state television has reported.

The defendants allegedly belonged to the Antakya branch of the outlawed Kurdish insurgent group known popularly as Apocular.

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Members of THE IPO ASSOCIATION IN are invited to attend the GENERAL ASSEMBLY on Wednesday, 22.6.83, at 5.30 p.m., at the Assembly Hall of the Jewish Agency Bldg. On the agenda: Report on the Association's activities and its plans for the future. The Association's bylaws. Election of the Committee.

Members of THE PATRONS' CIRCLE are invited to attend a lecture by Mr. A. Haidu at the IPO Guest House on Monday, 13.6.83 at 8.30 p.m. Subject: Mahler's 3rd Symphony.

STATE OF ISRAEL

The Ministry of Health announces:

Hair Dye Based on 2,4 Diaminoanisole

The Ministry of Health is reassessing the safety of hair dyes containing 2,4 diaminoanisole. Experiments on animals in the USA have indicated that this substance can cause growths.

A professional committee appointed by the Ministry of Health is looking into the implications of these findings, with regard to the human use of hair dyes containing this substance, and into the need for a warning on such preparations.

Manufacturers, importers, perfumery owners, and all others interested in this subject are invited to submit to the Ministry of Health, within 90 days of the publication of this notice, any contentions or suggestions they may wish to make regarding the use of this substance in hair dyeing.

At the end of this period, the Ministry of Health will issue detailed instructions on this subject to all concerned, including the public.

This notice relates only to hair dye containing 2,4 diaminoanisole, and not to any other substance used in hair dyeing.

The ingredients are given on the packing of all products of this type.

French doctor home from Afghan prison

PARIS (AP). — Dr. Philippe Augoyard, who served five months of an eight-year prison sentence in Afghanistan, returned to Paris yesterday after being pardoned by the Afghan government.

Augoyard, 30, was captured by government troops in January while working as a volunteer doctor in rebel territory. He is a member of the French humanitarian group, International Medical Association.

He was convicted of illegally entering the country and aiding the anti-Marxist Moslem guerrillas fighting Soviet and Afghan troops since December 1979.

Massive Italian strike for new work contracts

TURIN (AP). — An estimated two million Italian metalworkers walked off the job on Friday in a massive one-day protest against a deadlock in negotiations for new contracts.

The strike was called by the largest trade unions to dramatize their demand for a final agreement after year-long negotiations. Italian manufacturers have been refusing to sign new contracts for metal and textile workers, saying they should first agree on an agreement with unions about cost of manpower, productivity, absenteeism and working hours.



INTERNATIONAL WEEK AT THE TEL AVIV HILTON

The summer Bar-B-Que season begins this Tuesday, June 14, with "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" at the HILTON. Nightly, for one week, a grand buffet with different dishes from all over the world. Featured on the terrace stage will be the colourful and lively "ALL NATIONS FOLKLORE ENSEMBLE," including a belly dancer, and entertainment from around the globe. After the show, stay on for dancing with the Hesolam Rock Band. Show time is 8 p.m. The price is reasonable for a marvellous evening. For reservations, call the TEL AVIV HILTON, 244222.



The latest "hit" for dining out (as evidenced in all the Hebrew press) is the charming, intimate, continental restaurant. Perhaps the famous singing DUO REIM have something to do with it now, that they are partners. One thing is sure... aside from the superb cuisine and service in a candlelit atmosphere, music prevails all evening, either from the scintillating violinist or the popular singing DUO. Best of all, THE 117 serves dinner till the wee hours. STRICTLY KOSHER L'MEHADRIN. Lunch 11.30 to 3. Dinner from 7 p.m., 117 Herzl Street. 03-839451 for reservations.



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WE SIGN standard contracts all the time, often without even being aware of it — when we open a bank account, when we arrange with the electricity company to turn on the current in a new flat, and sometimes even when our children are admitted to school.

In fact, we often bind ourselves to standard contracts without signing a thing, as when we accept a receipt carrying a limitation of liability for our undeveloped film.

Obviously, the contract in all these cases has been prepared to protect the supplier of the services or goods in question. The buyer is usually not in a position to challenge the terms of the contract: it's take it or leave it.

In an attempt to redress this imbalance, the Knesset in 1964 enacted the Standard Contracts Law. But the law proved a dud, and in November, 1981, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim submitted an entirely new bill by the same name. Enacted a year later, the law came into operation only last week.

Articles have appeared in law journals, both here and abroad, analysing the old law and its defects, and the lesson they teach is that in the drafting of laws, as in many other matters, good intentions are not enough.

TO GIVE just one example: The 1964 law incorporated a specific list of "unfair stipulations" that could be disallowed by the courts or by the Restrictive Practices Board, into whose lap the execution of the law had been dumped. Any stipulation that did not appear on the list would be upheld.

As a result, as Nissim told the Knesset, the argument would revolve around the question of whether a particular stipulation appeared on the list, and not around the question of whether or not it was unfair to the consumer.

THE NEW LAW not only does away with that provision, so patently at odds with the purpose of the legislation; it lists 10 stipulations in standard contracts that will be

Good intentions are not enough

KNESSET REPORT/Arveh Rubinstein

presumed to be unfair unless the supplier proves otherwise.

Included in the list is any stipulation that:

□ Frees the supplier from a responsibility that otherwise would legally have been his.

□ Gives the supplier a right to delay performance of the contract unreasonably.

□ Gives the supplier the right to transfer his obligations to a third party.

□ Gives the supplier the right to change the price, except for reasons beyond his control.

□ Restricts the customer's freedom to deal or not to deal with some other person, or unreasonably requires him to deal only with the supplier.

□ Provides that any dispute shall be submitted to arbitration, if the supplier is given a greater say than the customer in choosing the arbitrators or the locale of the arbitration.

The list of presumptively unfair stipulations in the new law is not a finite one, as it was in the old. The field is wide open, and any stipulation in a standard contract may be challenged.

When the Knesset Law Committee discussed the bill, it added a tough clause of its own: any stipulation negating or restricting the customer's right to go to court is not just presumed to be unfair, it is outlawed in the law itself.

THE NEW LAW provides for the appointment of a Standard Contracts Board, of up to 12 members, to be headed by a District Court judge. Nissim has just appointed the relieving president of the Jerusalem District Court, Eliezer Goldberg, to be president of

the board. Judge Shalom Breiner, of the Jerusalem District Court, is to be his deputy.

At least two members of the board must be representatives of consumer organizations, and representatives of the Israel Consumer Council and the Consumer Protection Authority have also been named. The applications of two other consumer organizations are still under discussion.

Challenges of standard contracts will be heard by a panel of three, including either the president or his deputy and a consumer's representative.

Who may request the board to nullify or modify an unfair stipulation in a standard contract?

Not the ordinary citizen. The attorney general may do so, and so may the consumer protection officer in the Ministry of Industry and Trade; any consumer organization specified in regulations; and any organization of consumers approved by the minister of justice for a specific case. (For example, people who have applied for German pensions might organize and apply for recognition to fight certain stipulations in the standard contract they signed.)

THE ESTABLISHMENT of the board does not prejudice the right of the ordinary citizen — or of a consumer organization — to resort to the courts. But the general public stands to gain more from cases heard by the board.

This is because any stipulation nullified or modified by the board is automatically nullified or modified in every identical standard contract signed after the date of the board's ruling. In fact, the board is even

authorized to apply its ruling to a contract signed before that date, but only with regard to a part of the contract not yet fulfilled.

On the other hand, the nullification or modification by a court of an unfair stipulation will apply only to the case before it. However, whenever a court hears a case in which a standard contract is claimed to be unfair, it is required (regardless of its ruling) to inform the attorney general of the fact.

A SUPPLIER who wants to play safe can apply to the board for approval of a standard contract he is using or plans to use. If he gets that approval, he is protected — more or less — against challenges either before the board or in the courts for a period of five years. And he may advertise the fact of the approval.

Why "more or less"? Because the door has been left open for the board, even within the five-year period, to void a stipulation that it has previously approved. But it can do so only at the request of the attorney general, if he has found that special reasons justify this.

The old law also made provision for prior approval of standard contracts by the Restrictive Practices Board — and there the protection was absolute for the five-year period. Nevertheless, very few suppliers applied for such approval. They apparently preferred to let sleeping dogs lie.

The risk to the supplier is that if the board finds any unfair stipulation, it withholds its approval of the contract, and the stipulation is voided.

Why, then, should more suppliers apply for prior approval under the new law than did under the old, we asked Tana Spanic, who runs the consumer protection desk in the Justice Ministry.

She answered that apart from the relative immunity to challenges within five years and the public relations value of an approved contract, the pro-consumer tendency of the new law makes the protection afforded by an approved contract much more substantial.

MAILBOX CURIOSITIES

OFF MIKE
Michael Elkins



Minister for Information at the Embassy. I need him here to be my adviser on Jewish Affairs in place of Yehuda, who is going to be our ambassador in London.

With warmest affection,
Menachem

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
May 9th, 1983

Menachem Begin
Prime Minister of Israel
Hakirya
Jerusalem, Israel

Dear Menachem:

Thank you for your friendly letter. The typing wasn't half-bad; anytime you're looking for another job...

I've just a couple of minor points:

1) Ninety five per cent of the AJC's position paper is right down the line with the policies of the Israel Government. Isn't that good enough, considering that we are supposed to be an independent American Jewish organization?

2) The curious conjunction of your reference to our Foreign

American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, NY. 10022
U.S.A.

Sir:
The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to your letter of 9th May; as follows:

With regard to your point No. 1: the answer is — "No."

With regard to your point No. 2: In this context the sex of your Foreign Policy Committee's chairperson is irrelevant. Minister Sharon shares this view, at least for the present.

With regard to your point No. 3: the Prime Minister reminds you that his letter to you was clearly confidential (reference to first paragraph).

For the Prime Minister,
Yehuda Avner

P.S. The Prime Minister does not wish to react to the postscript in your letter. I wish to, but may not. Mr. Hurwitz is similarly constrained.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Hakirya, Jerusalem
Israel

30th April 1983

Mr. Maynard Wishner
President
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, NY. 10022
U.S.A.

Dear Maynard:

I hope you will forgive the bad typing. It is already four-thirty in the morning, but Yehuda Avner, who types my confidential correspondence, still has not arrived, and I do want to get this off to you right away, so that you will be the first to know.

I have good news, and bad news. First, the good news.

I have decided to appoint Ariel Sharon to be Minister for Diaspora Affairs.

Well, it wasn't quite like that. I hadn't really thought of it, but then Ariel let it be known that he would like such a job. "That would satisfy me," was the way he put it; and when that formulation came to some of the members of the cabinet, they said "Good idea!" I mean, they thought it was a good idea... well, you know how cabinet decisions are made.

And anyway, Maynard, we really must do something about you people out there in the Galla. That position paper, you put out! What's this "The American Jewish Committee supports many elements in the Reagan plan although it is opposed to certain aspects..." What kind of a position is that for Jews to take?

I don't blame you, old friend. I blame that so-called Foreign Policy Committee of yours. Ariel is just the man to take care of them. Remember how he handled Yigael Yadin?

Oh, I almost forgot the bad news. The bad news is that you are going to lose Harry Hurwitz, our



Rita Hauser and Ariel Sharon

Policy Committee and your reminder of what Sharon "did to Yigael Yadin" is a bit troubling. I seem to remember Sharon saying to Yadin, "I'll strip you naked on the cabinet table!"

Are you aware, Menachem, that the chairperson of that Committee is Rita Hauser — a lady? Menachem!

3) I notice your letter is dated April 30. What were you doing in the office on a Shabbat? And writing? Does Agudas Yisroel know of this?

With warmest affection,
Maynard

P.S. You're right about your letter having good news and bad news. You just got the items turned around.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
Hakirya, Jerusalem
Israel

16th May 1983
Mr. Maynard Wishner

There is no signature; and no attribution. (Note: Any resemblance between this account and the existing reality is... unfortunate.)

POISON DISPOSAL

(Continued from Page One)

chemist. But he was not required to be at the site very often.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade, vested full administrative authority over the site in the hands of the National Physical Laboratory headed by Dr. Avinoam Shenhar. In an attempt to economize, as well as to keep a supervisory eye on the private developer, Shenhar installed him in the National Physical Lab on the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The private contractor was set up for the inevitable fall.

At the time, no one seemed troubled by the remote-control operation of such a hazardous site.

Dr. Violella Turek, the southern district's chief public health officer has very definite views about the outcome: "The administration of the site was a total failure. There was no guard, and there was no water, although this was a primary condition for the opening of the site in the first place. The contractor was not here but in Jerusalem. If someone wants to manage this kind of project seriously, he must live in the area and consider its importance accordingly. The Negev must not become the nation's garbage can."

The wastes that arrived at the site during its more than two years of operation were haphazardly received, haphazardly stored and haphazardly safeguarded. This, despite the contractor's undertaking to "receive certain poisonous substances and store them according to safety criteria; and to treat the wastes, at least minimally, by burying solid materials."

By the time the site was forced to close, far less than the estimated amount of the country's toxic wastes had been stored there. For one thing, there was not then, nor is there today, any law which forces industries to take their toxic wastes

to the national site. And even when a plant was willing to cooperate, there was no guarantee that once its truck, loaded up with toxic wastes, left the factory's gate it would actually be unloaded at Ramat Hovav, and not into the most convenient ravine along the way.

In this respect, the Haifa refineries set an admirable example by keeping strict controls over outgoing wastes. The refineries contracted for the disposal of several types of materials, particularly acid tar, and set up a system of making sure the waste actually arrived at the site. But the refineries did not send all its wastes, preferring to wait and see how things developed.

An estimated three-quarters of the country's oil sludge arrived annually at the site during its operation. This made the cleaning up of the Yarkon River possible, although bringing it back to life is a different matter.

On a smaller scale, the site was used for the disposal of used pesticides containers and surplus poisons through the services of the Nature Reserves Authority. Two or three times a year, during the brief period the site was open, accumulated piles of herbicides and insecticides were collected from small wooden sheds in the fields around the country and taken to Ramat Hovav.

The army also took advantage of the Ramat Hovav facilities to dump out of date medicines, plastic-covered mattresses and cadmium batteries.

Dr. Uri Marinof, head of the Environmental Protection Service (EPS) described his dismay after an early visit to Ramat Hovav when he saw thousands of barrels just sitting on the ground. "Who knows what could happen to them. Heavy black

liquids are accumulating in the pools, and maybe some day they'll escape. This is a primitive method. The place is already crowded and we don't have more land."

Still, most environmentalists felt that the place, mismanaged as it may have been, was better than no site at all. But this is open to question.

Dr. Itamar Vilner, a Hebrew University chemist advising the EPS, recalls that the site was to have opened only as an experimental facility during its first year of operation, so that government agencies involved in the project (Health, Interior and Industry) would be able to gauge what wastes arrived and, consequently, to devise ways of treating these substances.

"This means that this site is really a chemical plant, with reactors and safety measures. What actually happened was that even the storage was done in an uncontrolled and inefficient way. The man who took upon himself to operate the site did not develop it as expected. Moreover, when the site is not administered in a professional way, various toxic materials lying side by side may cause a dangerous chemical reaction to take place."

The hot summer sun is enough to cause spontaneous combustion, he added.

In fact, during the time of its operation, both Health Ministry officials and advisers for the EPS warned that the site's administration was dangerously negligent. The officials found that poisonous materials were being stored in rusty containers, and unlabelled, leaking barrels were placed near barrels of cyanide, a situation that could result in the release of highly poisonous gases in the event of spontaneous combustion.

Morton Barlaz, a visiting American chemical engineer attached to the EPS, warned three months before the outbreak of the fire, that the "effects of a fire should be discussed with an air-pollution expert to decide what emergency evacuation procedures may be necessary."

But no one thought of consulting with the regional fire chief in Beersheba.

When the fire did break out on the site, the fire department heard of it only an hour later and no one was sure what measures to take.

Beersheba fire chief Avner Mordechai told The Jerusalem Post that he had never been given a plan of the site.

"The fire itself was tremendous," recalled Dr. Meir Englert, "the flames and the smoke rose up dozens of metres. There were multi-coloured explosions and barrels flying in the air. It took four hours to get the fire under control."

The toxic-waste disposal site at Ramat Hovav was opened hastily under pressure, and was underfunded and mismanaged from the start. Nearly everyone agreed that the site needed to be closed, and then re-opened under a new system. The fire provided a convenient legal excuse for closure, but that was 14 months ago.

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ESTATE FILE 2965/83

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Notice Pursuant to Section 123 of the Succession Law of 5725-1965

Any persons having claims against the above estate are invited to submit them to the heirs at the following address:

Heirs of the Late Kalman Lewertow, c/o David J. Martin, Advocate, Michael Shine & Co., Law Office, 113-115 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv 65271, within three months of the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of such claims, the estate may be distributed at the end of this period.

David J. Martin, Advocate
Counsel to the Heirs of the late Kalman Lewertow

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Sports

Windies blown apart



Post Sports Staff

The West Indies, World Cup holders in the 60-over Prudential Cup tournament and favourites to win again this season, slumped to a sensational 34-run defeat in their opening qualifying match against India at Old Trafford on Friday.

And they are in serious trouble in their second match, against Australia, in which they have reached only 150 for five in 82 overs. They were 80 for four, but Gomez (51 not out) and Bacchus (45) managed to save off the Australian fast bowlers when they were in full cry. If they lose to Australia, they will not make the semi-final.

India, the surprise of the tournament, won their second game yesterday, defeating Zimbabwe by five wickets.

England have also won two matches. Yesterday they defeated Sri Lanka by 47 runs in a high-scoring match. England made 333



David Gower

for 9, only five runs short of the world's record for a 50-over match. David Gower compiled a dazzling 130 in 120 balls, including five sixes and 12 fours.

Pakistan are in a strong position against New Zealand, who were 211 for eight in 56 overs. The Pakistani success was due to a superb bowling performance by slow bowler Abdul Quadir, whose mixture of leg breaks and googlies brought him the almost incredible figure of four for 21 in 12 overs, thus confounding all accepted theories about slow bowlers being unsuitable for limited over cricket. The West-Indies-Australia and Pakistan-New Zealand games will be concluded today.

Israel wins Davis Cup tie 3-0

Post Sports Staff

TEL AVIV. — Israel yesterday took an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Monaco in their quarter-final European Zone "A" Davis Cup tennis tie in Monaco, to qualify for a home match against West Germany in next month's semi-finals in Ramat Hasharon.

After Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkis had won their opening singles matches in straight sets on Friday, Glickstein and David Schneider clinched the tie yesterday with a tough 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, 13-11 doubles victory over Bernard Baleret and Jacques Vinciguerra in a three-hour marathon. The exciting contest looked like going into a fifth set, when the home players had a match point at 7-6 in the fourth, but Glickstein and Schneider hung on to squeeze home.

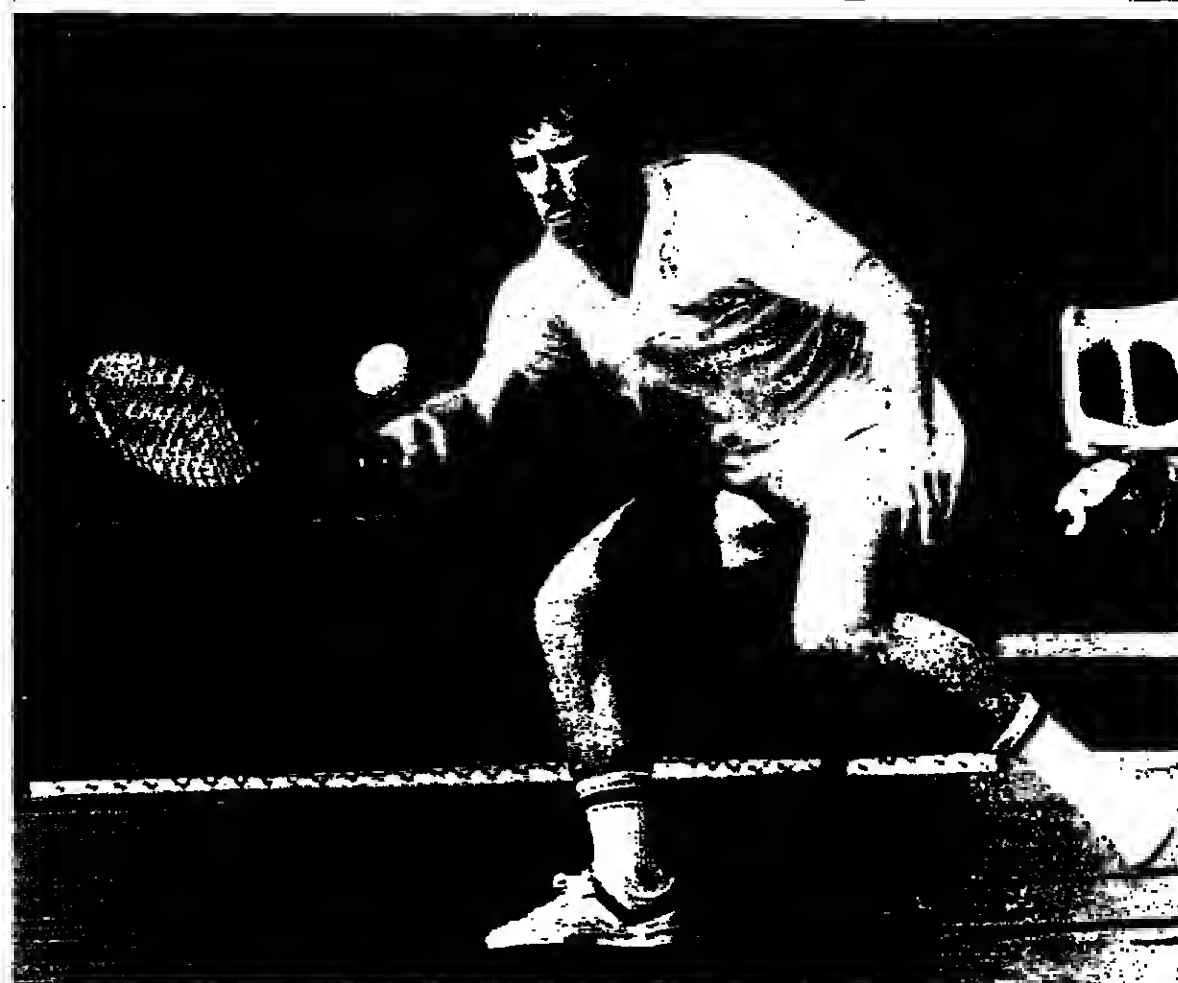
Glickstein gave Israel just the start it needed on Friday by defeating Monaco's No. 1 Baleret 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 in the first singles match. Baleret — playing in what is his 10th year of Davis Cup competition — was within one point of taking the opening set at 5-3 and 40-30. But Glickstein saved the set. Thereafter, he was always in command, and ran out a comfortable winner in 90 minutes. This was the Israeli champion's 154th victory in his 22 Davis Cup singles matches to date.

Perkis was victorious 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 against the highly-rated Eric Carlier, 17, who earlier this month reached the semi-finals of the French Open Junior Championships in Paris. The contest was in fact more even than the final score indicates, with the 19-year-old Haifaite showing top form in a match which lasted two hours and involved many close games. For Perkis, this was his second cup success in four outings so far.

The tie concludes today, with the two "dead" reverse singles. Israel's non-playing captain is Yosef Stabholz, while team coach is Ron Steele.

The victory in Monaco is worth \$16,000 in prize money for Israel, while a semi-final win will be worth \$28,000. The 1983 Cup Competition is again being sponsored by Japan's Nippon Electric Company to the tune of \$1m.

Other results
West Germany beat Belgium 3-0.
Austria beat Norway 3-0.



Shlomo Glickstein

(Karen Ben-Zion)

Connors teaches Lendl how to play on grass

LONDON (AP). — American Jimmy Connors handed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia a lesson in grass court tennis yesterday and slammed him 6-0, 6-3 for a place in the Stella Artois final at Queen's Club.

John McEnroe, in a much tougher semi-final, edged Kevin Curren of South Africa 7-5, 7-6. So Connors and McEnroe are set for a repeat of last year's final, which Connors won, before going on to win Wimbledon.

Connors raced through his first set against Lendl in 22 minutes.

"I was jumping on everything he did out there," Connors said. "No matter what he would have done, I would have been ready for him. It was just one of those days."

Lendl, who missed Wimbledon last year because of his dislike of grass courts, served powerfully and scored with four aces in the second set. But he was slow coming into the net behind his serve.

"He can play much better than that," Connors said. "He plays so well on other surfaces I don't think anyone can assume he can't play on grass."

McEnroe was given a warning for racket abuse during the tiebreaker at the end of his match with Curren. "He was swinging his racket violently to and fro after losing a point when it suddenly flew across the court and hit the net," McEnroe did not argue over the warning but

Junior mettle

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Israel's Amos Mandorff is in ninth place in the International Tennis Federation's latest 1983 junior world rankings boys' singles. He is 10th in the doubles. Sagit Doron is 19th in the corresponding girls' singles.

The rankings, which are for the first five months of this year, include a total of 500 boys and girls under the age of 19 from some 50 countries across the world.

Other Israeli youths in the singles rankings include Odad Yaakov in 39th place, Russell Myers (52), Gilad Bloom (73) and Menashim Tsor (95). In doubles, Tsor is 20th spot, while Yaakov is 26th, and Myers 42nd.

Doron gained the singles titles in both Jerusalem and Ramat Hasharon. Israelis appearing with her in the standings are Ilana Berger (32), Sarit Shalev (46) and Ruthi Sverdloff (59). Berger is ranked 26th in doubles and Shalev 45th.

New world records

LONDON (Reuters). — China's Zhu Jianhua set a world high jump record of 2.37 metres at an athletics match in Peking, the Chinese News Agency Xinhua monitored by the BBC reported yesterday.

Jianhua's effort beat East German Gerd Wessig's previous record of 2.36 metres set at the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980.

In Moscow, Anna Ambrosene of the Soviet Union broke the women's 400 metres hurdles world record yesterday with a time of 54.02 seconds, 0.26 seconds inside the old mark held by East German Karin Rossley since 1980.

Zhu, 20, who is 1.93 metres tall, is one of China's hopes for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

At the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi last December, he was unsuccessful in an attack on the 236-metre mark and told the official Xinhua News Agency, "I will go all out to make it."

He still won the Asian Games gold medal with a jump of 2.33 metres, the world's best jump of the year, and was named one of China's top 10 athletes of 1982.

Zhu, the son of a Shanghai transport worker, was spotted when he was 11 by coach Hu Hongfei at a spare-time sports school. Under Hu's coaching, he won Shanghai's high jump title for juniors two years later.

In Helsinki, former world record holder Tina Liljak of Finland threw the javelin 72.58 metres at an athletics meeting in Vantaa near Helsinki — the best mark in a woman's competition this year.

Yachting prize

Israel's yachtsmen Eltan Friedlander and Shimon Brookman won the bronze medal in the World 470 Yachting Championships that concluded yesterday in Weymouth, England.

Softball results

MEN

Jerusalem Anglican School 13, Arava Sam 22, and 19-13.
Lord Kitch Jerusalem 10, Maccabi Tel Aviv 9
Maccabi Tel Aviv 11, Western Galilee 2
Benei Batshe Club 22, U.S. Embassy 6
Jerusalem Promoted Land 9, Elitzur Ein Dor 3, and 4-5

WOMEN

Tel Aviv 13, American International School 8

Mexican mob worries FIFA

MEXICO CITY (Reuters). — International Football Federation (FIFA) officials met here to discuss the crowd violence that marred Thursday night's Mexico-Scotland World Youth Soccer Cup game.

A FIFA official said the trouble, in which the Mexican goalkeeper was felled by a bottle, was worrying, particularly as Mexico will host the 1986 World Cup finals.

Scotland beat Mexico 1-0, knocking the hosts out of the 16-nation tournament. As the outcome of the match became clear, bottles and cans began to rain on to the pitch from the 85,000-crowd in the Aztec Stadium. The Mexicans were the main targets and the referee had to halt the game briefly when they refused to take corners and throw-ins for fear of being hit.

Mexican flags were burned on the terraces, and, as the players left the field at the end of the match, goalkeeper Nicolas Navarro was hit by a bottle. He was not seriously hurt.

Scottish Manager Andy Rox-

burgh described the scenes as "frightening." I was particularly sorry for the Mexican boys, as nobody should have to go through an experience like that," he said.

The Mexican press lamented the defeat in front-page headlines.

"Disaster," said the sports paper *El Nacion*.

Meanwhile, Argentina beat Czechoslovakia 2-0 to become the only side in the competitions to maintain a 100 per cent record.

Both teams now go through to the quarter-finals.

Today Argentina will play Holland and Czechoslovakia face Brazil, who beat the USSR 2-1. China beat Austria 3-0 and Holland drew with Nigeria 0-0.

In Buenos Aires, Estudiantes clinched the Argentine National Soccer Championship 3-2 on aggregate after losing 2-1 (halftime 2-1) to Independiente in the return leg on Friday night.

In Cologne, First Division club FC Cologne won the West German Soccer cup by beating local Second Division rivals Fortuna Cologne 1-0 yesterday.

SPORTOTO winners:

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Astros flying high

NEW YORK (AP). — Veteran right-hander Ferguson Jenkins hurled a four-hitter and Jody Davis drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a double as the surging Chicago Cubs blanked the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 on Friday for their eighth victory in nine games.

A "seat-cushion day" crowd of 37,024 at Wrigley Field, the largest of the season, saw Jenkins, 3-3, become the first Cub pitcher to hurl a complete game this season, and the first after 69 games, dating to Sept. 15, when Jenkins went the route against Pittsburgh.

Jenkins gave up two singles each to Lonnie Smith and Willie McGee, the latter extending his hitting streak to 17 games. The right-hander walked one and struck out four in recording his 49th career shutout.

Davis unloaded his homer in a four-run in second inning, then knocked home another run with a double in the eighth. The loser was John Stuper, 7-3.

In National League night action, Jack Clark's two-run double in the 10th inning gave the San Francisco Giants a 6-4 victory over the Atlanta Braves in the first game of a two-night doubleheader. Atlanta had six consecutive hits to score four runs off Bill Laskey in the first two innings as the Braves downed the Giants 7-3 in the second game.

Johnny Bench, 35, who built Hall of Fame credentials for 13 major-league seasons as a catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, will retire at the end of the 1983 season, a team spokesman said on Thursday night.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kanan.

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	28	24	.538	—
Montreal	27	25	.519	1
Philadelphia	23	26	.469	3 1/2
Chicago	25	29	.463	4
Pittsburgh	21	30	.412	6 1/2
New York	20	33	.377	8 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	37	18	.673	—
Atlanta	36	21	.632	2
San Francisco	29	28	.509	9
Houston	28	30	.483	10 1/2
San Diego	26	29	.475	11
Cincinnati	25	32	.439	13

Friday's games:

Chicago 7, St. Louis 6; San Francisco 6-3, Atlanta 4-7, 1st game, 10 innings; Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2; Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 3, 12 innings; New York 2, Montreal 2, 17 innings; Houston 2, San Diego 1

American League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	34	23	.596	—
Detroit	30	23	.563	3
New York	29	26	.527	4
Toronto	29	26	.527	4
Boston	28	27	.509	5
Minnesota	26	28	.481	6 1/2
Cleveland	24	30	.444	8 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	33	24	.579	—
Kansas City	27	24	.529	3
Oakland	29	27	.518	3 1/2
Texas	27	27	.500	4
Chicago	25	30	.455	7
Seattle	24	36	.400	10 1/2
Minnesota	23	35	.397	10 1/2

Friday's Games:

Baltimore 3, Boston 6; Detroit 7, Cleveland 1; New York 7, Milwaukee 1; Texas 4, Minnesota 2; California 5, Toronto 3; Oakland 2, Chicago 1, 16 innings; Kansas City 2, Seattle 6

Vilas appeals suspension

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia (AP). — An attorney for tennis star Guillermo Vilas says his client will appeal a one-year suspension and \$20,000 fine levied by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council against the Argentine player.

"We're saying he's not guilty," attorney Tom Betz said on Friday. Vilas was found guilty on Wednesday of accepting a financial guarantee to appear in a tournament in March in Rotterdam. Under the Council's rules, players may be paid on-site prize money for tournaments they play, plus expenses for travel and accommodation. But the Council's rules forbid appearance guarantees.

The appeal, made to a review officer picked by Vilas and the Tennis Council, must be filed within the next 28 days. If it is denied, the suspension would stand and Vilas would not be able to play in the U.S. Open in August.

Because of the leeway offered by the appeal process, Vilas is eligible to play at Wimbledon, which starts June 20.

Betz said that if Vilas' appeal is rejected, he will probably take the case to court on anti-trust grounds. "This thing has tremendous ramifications," Betz said. "It goes way beyond just this case. All of it had to come to a head sooner or later. I just think they picked the wrong guy."

Champion

Holder Chung Jung Koo of South Korea stopped Masaharu Imai of Japan in the second round of their World Boxing Council flyweight title fight here last night.

Bowlers' battle for charity

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — The 1983 local lawn bowls season moves into full swing on June 25, when the Israel Men's and Women's Bowling Association are together holding their second annual Max Spitz Charities day, in aid of *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund and Forsake Me Not Fund, and of the Soldiers Welfare Association.

Two efforts to hold the event as scheduled last February were frustrated by wet weather. The tournament will again take the form of mixed flying risks, with matches being held from 9.30 a.m. at all the country's six bowling clubs: Caesarea, Kfar Hamacabiah, Netanya (Wingate Institute), Ra'anana, Ramat Gao and Sayon. The donation to the funds, to participate in the full day's play, including green fees and morning and afternoon refreshments, is IS450 per person.

It is expected that up to 400 men and women will participate in the event, resulting in total proceeds of IS15,000 to be divided between the three designated charities, Men's Bowling Association President Louis Gecelter reported yesterday.

All bowlers — including tourists — whether affiliated to a club or not, are invited to participate in the competition. Details can be obtained by phoning Norman Spitz (03)477128 or John Goldberg (03)344943.

The overall winning team will be presented with the tournament's Jerusalem Post trophy. In addition, each of its four members are to receive specially blown, extra large Toy Fund tops.

Louis Gecelter was re-elected as president of the Men's Bowling Association at its recent annual general meeting. The other honorary officers are Jack Rabin (vice-president), Havis Perling (treasurer) and John Goldberg (secretary), along with honorary life president Max Spitz. At the corresponding Women's Association meeting, Hanna Goldberg was elected president and Rey Andur vice-president, while the remaining officers are Schumacher and Leoni Livshitz.

Golf

CAESAREA. — The Haifa duo of Chuck Shaikowitz (67) and Ivan Bennett (71), still not relaxing after their remarkable performance last week, once again had a runaway victory in Friday's combined pairs golf competition here, their 138 total being eight under par.

Saturday's competition was won with a combined 141 by Dennis Goldstein (67) and Effic Beon (74).

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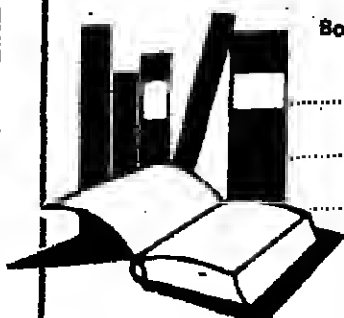
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Elections—the only way out

POLITICAL processes often have their own dynamics which transcend the confines of narrow-minded party politics. Major events, affecting the entire nation, such as a year-long war that was at first projected as a 72-hour-long military operation and of which there is still no end in sight, certainly belong to this category.

If there was any doubt as to the vehemence of these political undercurrents which time and again pushes them to the surface, the plethora of the past week's conflicting statements about the conduct of the war in Lebanon provided salient proof. Using the first anniversary of the outbreak of the war as a convenient outlet for long suppressed misgivings, the criticism was no longer confined to the voices of the opposition. It hit the very heart of the government as Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich at last took public issue with the way the architect of the war, former defence minister Ariel Sharon, often misled his own cabinet colleagues in order to obtain approval for his preconceived war aims.

Mr. Sharon's retort was instantaneous. He not only accused the opposition of being anti-patriotic, as is his wont, but moreover charged his own cabinet colleagues with having shirked leadership responsibility and having left him in the lurch. His claim was, of course, that the cabinet knew at every step of the way how the war was going to develop, even beyond the original 40-45 kilometre line.

But these were only two, perhaps most noteworthy, manifestations that the present government and the ruling Likud party were splitting at the seams. Hardly a day passed by last week without yet another political sensation which proved the increasing disarray in the ranks of the coalition. Some leading coalition members voted with the opposition; the former head of the Mossad, Israel's central intelligence agency, Aluf (Res.) Yitzhak Hafi, spoke of the need to appoint a special, high-ranking security adviser to the prime minister; Finance Minister Aridor failed to muster cabinet support for his tax proposal to finance Israel's prolonged stay in Lebanon and the Likud's grandiose scheme for buying up cheap land in the West Bank for private housing around. Attempts to patch up the differences seemed to no avail.

Wherever one is looking, matters seem to come to a head. The Labour opposition's demand for a judicial inquiry into the conduct of the war in Lebanon, supported also by the Shinui party, appears at this stage to provide merely a partial remedy. For one, even should such an inquiry be accepted by the coalition, a highly unlikely prospect, despite Mr. Sharon's own support for an inquiry commission, it would provide the government with a long respite for the duration of such an inquiry.

Under the present circumstances, the only way out from this intolerable situation appears to be in the calling of early elections. The Labour Alignment ought to work up sufficient courage to take the initiative for such a move and not just wait until the Likud will deem it proper to advance the going to the polls. Over the weekend, various Likud leaders went on record in support of an early election motion by the opposition and their undertaking should be put to the test.

Internal leadership squabbles within the Labour Party should not be allowed to hold up the real test of a democratic society which is beset with problems and doubts of unprecedented magnitude. As Israel's national debate goes way beyond the accepted confines of the present party establishment, such early elections ought to be contested on a limited number of fundamental issues which today divide the nation. Those political forces which determined Israel's fate during the past six years should therefore be confronted with a broad alliance of Israel's voices of reason that will bring together political groupings far beyond the Labour movement.

It is time that the people should have their say about their country's future.

A way out of the deadlock

By DAVID KRIVINE

THE UNENDING doctors' strike raises three questions: how much do they earn; how much should they earn; and how can the present deadlock be resolved?

First, as to their present salaries. The disputing sides bandy figures about that tell different stories. According to the doctors, they earn less than a domestic servant.

According to the Treasury, they earn more than any other sector in the public service, even the Knesset members. The two top medical grades allegedly average IS100,000 a month, a figure equalled only by Supreme Court judges.

Needless to say these conflicting statistics refer to different data. The doctors are talking about basic salaries. The Treasury about pay-packets at the end of the month, which include remuneration for special night-duty and for time on call.

The doctors protest that the pay-packet at the end of the month involves an enormous amount of extra duty — a 400-hour month has been mentioned. If they bring home a monthly sum comparable to other professional groups, it is at the expense of brutal overwork, which takes a toll of their health and strength. They want a better wage for their regular working hours.

The unbalanced wage system with the accent on overtime was achieved, it must be said, by the doctors themselves through negotiation. At the end of their last labour dispute in 1976, they won a salary raise that way. The other unions would not agree to any widening of the basic differential, but did turn a blind eye when higher rates were proposed for doctors working extra-duty hours.

The higher rates seemed a gratifying achievement at the time. If a medical man does, over and above his regular working schedule, a 16-hour spell of night duty on a weekday, he gets four days' pay extra: if a 19-hour spell on a Friday, he gets five days' pay extra; if a 24-hour spell on a Saturday, six-and-a-half days' pay extra plus an alternative day off.

The rate for doctors on call, which applies to senior staff and specialists, is two days, two-and-a-half days and three days respectively, but being on call is no great hardship. Should the doctor's presence be required at the hospital for four-and-a-half hours at least, he rates another day's pay added to his on-call allowance.

A further benefit is that doctors are entitled to a minimum of 14 days' special-duty allowance in any event. The hospital is supposed to utilize their services for those 14 days (which would require, say, two Friday stints and one week-day stint during the month).

But if they are listed for less than 14 days of special duty or if they are sick or on leave, they will get the full 14 days of extra pay all the same.

It is still true that the doctors

have to work long hours if they want a sizable emolument at the end of the month, and the more sizable it is, the more exhausting their workload. Is it true that their basic pay, excluding overtime, is low, as they claim?

I HAVE SECURED pay tables for the public service dating back to last October, before the conclusion of the new framework agreement. I have added to the gross basic salary the education allowance, the literature allowance and one year's seniority in each case. The totals do not include all the supplements nor the latest cost-of-living allowances. They are adequate however for purposes of comparison.

It does seem that the doctors lag behind, but not by very much. If they say that they "cannot get to the end of the month" on these wages, it would be fair to add that nor can anybody else in the public service.

The next question is, how much should they earn? Ought they to receive more basic pay than the engineers, lawyers and other occupations requiring a university degree? The answer must be given in two parts. First, in principle: nobody knows what the differential should be; a commission of inquiry would be needed to find out.

	Doctors	Engineers	Lawyers	Senior Civil Servants*
Lowest grade	8,955	7,712	8,779	9,567
Middle grade	12,078	12,352	12,714	13,772
Top grade	15,650	16,442	19,074	16,935

*The top 9 grades (out of 16 grades for all civil servants)

Secondly, in practice, the unions say flatly that no increase is permissible for the medical profession over and above what the other occupation groups get.

The third and last question is, what then should be done? This is the worst holdup ever in Israel's labour relations. The doctors are absolutely convinced that their pay should be doubled.

The other professions are equally convinced that whatever the doctors get, they have to get; and they are fanatic about it (see the schoolteachers' unrelenting fight for parity with the engineers).

The Treasury is no less convinced that if the doctors' demands are met and if that benefit is extended to other sectors of the work force, Israel will be plunged into a serious economic crisis. The conflict has reached total deadlock. Is there a way out?

Here is a suggestion: abolish the public health service.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE must remain, but in a different form. The problem is the institutionalization of medicine. That creates problems we cannot solve. Let it be de-institutionalized.

Restore private medicine, with every doctor funding for himself. He would open a consulting-room (at his own expense) and charge whatever fee he likes (or the market will bear). He will lose his job security and pension, but will cease to be a wage-slave.

Clinics and hospitals will operate on a profit-and-loss basis. Every

patient will be a customer, paying out of his own pocket for the treatment he gets, as the rich do in all countries to this day.

The difference would be that those who cannot afford to pay their bills will be members of a national public health insurance system, and will do the paying for them.

The government's job would be to make sure the universities lay out a sufficiency of medical practitioners, so that competition is keen. The market system would take over. This change would cut a lot of fat off the existing system, with its waste and bureaucracy.

Doctors would devote more time to treating their fee-paying patients and less to comparing salary slips in clinic corridors.

The insurance agency would reimburse most, but not all of the patient's outlay; and that is an important point. The patient must have an incentive not to waste the doctor's time and his own money on trivialities.

Improved productivity among physicians and a reduced demand for medical attention from a more responsible-minded public would ensure that fees for consultations are moderate. The health of the population will not suffer by and large. The quality of medical treatment need not be lower than it is now. The cost of the country's health service will certainly be cheaper than at present.

And there will be an end to those destructive strikes, where doctors become wild men, patients suffer damaging neglect and citizens lose their last remaining faith in society.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post Staff.

READERS' LETTERS

MEDICAL STUDENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — You report in your issue of May 23 that students join Tel Aviv University's New York State Medical Programme because they fail to get into American medical schools. This may be true of some of the students, but others who do get into American schools come here by choice. Some do not even apply to American schools. Some who applied to American schools received acceptances after arriving here, but preferred to stay here. Some are interested in settling here permanently.

PERRY FRANKEL
President, Class of '85
Tel Aviv.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IN NEW YORK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was dismayed by Mark Segal's column of May 6, "Tasting the Big Apple," which mentioned my name. Every sentence that refers to me is false.

Uri Oren never "fanned out the public relations for both Aridor and Levy" to me. I had nothing to do with Mr. Aridor. My only association with David Levy was in connection with a press conference for him sponsored by the Conference of Presidents, which is an account of mine. I invited the press and issued a press release.

I do not work "from time to time for the Presidents' Conference and the UJA." The Presidents' Conference is a regular client of mine. I have never worked for the UJA in my life.

Whether the results were "meagre" or not I cannot say; I did not follow them, but in any case I had nothing to do with Aridor and handled just one (the Conference of Presidents event) of numerous public and private appearances by David Levy.

By assigning me responsibility for something I had nothing to do with, and by describing the results as "meagre," The Jerusalem Post has subjected me to humiliation and injured my professional reputation.

RICHARD COHEN
New York.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In response to Kenneth Freeman's article of May 27, "Victims of the strike," I must raise the following points:

1. Despite the "scores of doctors splashing in the Kinneret," all emergency rooms were staffed by physicians during the recent intensification of our strike. Mr. Freeman could have taken his daughter to any emergency room and received proper evaluation and treatment even during that difficult period.

2. The majority of cases of throat infections, even with "white patches," are caused by viruses. Proper evaluation, including a throat culture, could have proven the presence of a strep infection and might have allayed Mr. Freeman's fears of subsequent problems.

3. Mr. Freeman might want to consult his "books" about the relationship between tetracycline use and permanent discoloration of growing bones and teeth in children under the age of eight. In the future, it might be wise not to treat his daughter from the family medicine cabinet without prior professional consultation.

SCOTT H. BARNETT, M.D.
Beersheba.

Sir, — Though I don't identify with all aspects of the physicians' protracted strike, I feel compelled to take exception to some of Kenneth Freeman's statements which are, to the best of my professional knowledge, erroneous.

Mr. Freeman does not seem to know that, not only are strep cultures executed here since at least 30 years, including a national reference centre in Jerusalem. There also exists, since about 1955, a painstakingly conducted follow-up system on thousands of cases, old and new, to prevent the occurrences of rheumatic fever and renal complications. Moreover, there are exact directives from the Ministry of Health and the Sick Fund as to the most effective treatment (10 days plus), which are known to every physician, microbiologist and pharmacist all over the country. The present strike did not and does not affect the functioning of all other medical services, and every laboratory at the bigger-polyclinics and hospitals accepts and executes

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all kinds of requests, even if not properly written by a physician.

And above all, any parent who is concerned about his child's health is free to apply to any self-employed physician, against payment, for medical help, so that even in the present situation, no one who is acutely ill should remain without treatment.

CLINICAL PATHOLOGIST
(Name and address supplied.)
Kfar Sava.

Sir — Despite its inaccurate medical statistics, the article by Kenneth Freeman correctly stresses what representatives of the Israel Medical Association have been saying for three months — namely, that considerable damage was being caused to the health of a small sector of the population.

This same article also demonstrates two phenomena common among critics of the doctors. Firstly, the writer describes the great lengths to which he went in order to carry out his do-it-yourself therapy (at considerable risk to the health of his daughter, I may add), and all this when a fee of several hundred shekels to a private physician would have solved his problem instantly. I wonder whether Mr. Freeman also pulls his own teeth when he has a toothache, makes out his own contracts when he buys an apartment and does a rapid course in home plumbing when his sewer overflows? It is my guess that he pays large sums of money to the best dentist, lawyer and plumber available, without feeling for a mo-

ment that these professionals are holding him up for ransom. It is strange that so many people who spend freely on numerous luxuries, including private medical consultations at normal times, have suddenly found that a payment of IS 600 for a visit to a doctor constitutes highway robbery.

Secondly, where was Mr. Freeman during the last three months when others were suffering? He, as many like him, spoke up only when he personally was affected by the strike. After 10 months of fruitless negotiations, the doctors declared a labour dispute. In an attempt to minimise the suffering of patients, they did not strike, but reduced public medical services to 30 per cent of normal and provided almost all services (including the treatment of strep throat) for a fee which would pose little financial strain on 90 per cent of the population. In the case of the remaining 10 per cent, payment was waived in most cases. The doctors and their leaders felt sure that, under these

circumstances, intelligent citizens like Mr. Freeman would persuade their government to find a way of solving the widely recognised problems of the medical profession. This, however, did not happen, as the average Israeli only reacts vigorously when he personally suffers — and this strike affected only very few individuals.

Again and again we are told that doctors have no right to strike — but nobody has yet suggested a reasonable alternative, given the government's refusal to allow arbitration by an objective Knesset or legal committee.

A wage dispute in the public sector is always a dispute between the employee and the public, as represented by the government. Individual citizens have the right to support the employees' claims — in which case they must apply pressure on the government to settle these claims equitably — or to oppose these claims — in which case they must be prepared to pay the consequences in the form of a strike.

DR. HARRY STARK
Ramat Hasharon.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS A NEW comprehensive listing of all Jewish periodicals around the world will soon be published, called *The World Directory of Jewish Press and Publications*. Over 500 periodicals have so far responded to circulars sent out by the publishers, who have set a June, 1983 deadline for receiving applications.

Located at Post Office Box 2699 in Jerusalem, the compilers are looking for newspapers, magazines, newsletters, bulletins, catalogues and supplements that are published daily, weekly, monthly or yearly. Each publication is asked to list name and address, editor, date founded, publishers, languages and frequency, as well as circulation, printing (black and white and/or colour), content and readership, advertising possibilities, column width and depth and columns per page.

The publishers expect the directory will become an indispensable guide to the world's Jewish press for libraries, schools, Jewish organizations, the media and public relations and advertising agencies.

PS A HOT-AIR balloon which drifted near a shooting party in the Yorkshire Dales was given both barrels, recently by a Viscount Mountgarret.

Then the peer reloaded and fired again, prosecutor Wilfred Anderson told a British court.

The shots tore a two meter split in the balloon canopy, holed the windshield over the burners and hit pilot Graham Turnbull in the neck, the prosecutor said.

No plea was made to charges of damaging the balloon and reckless behaviour by the 46-year-old viscount.

The balloon, owned by a mortgage-loan company, was taking two passengers on a fare-paying flight. Realizing he might disturb the guns, Turnbull shouted an apology when he drifted about 30 metres over them.

One of the sportsmen swore at him and the viscount raised his gun and fired two quick shots, the prosecutor said.

The case was adjourned and the viscount's attorney said his client would deny the charges.

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Tuesday, June 14, 1983
10:00 a.m. — Opening Session
Plenary
Keynote Addresses
1. Mr. Ephraim Even, Chairman, Zionist General Council
2. Mr. Arya L. Dulzin, Chairman, W.Z.O. and The Jewish Agency
3. Greetings
Mr. Teddy Kollak, Mayor of Jerusalem
Mr. Chaim Herzog, The President of the State of Israel
4. Legal Matters
5. Election of New Honorary Members
6. Report by Mr. Akiva Lewinsky, Treasurer of the W.Z.O. and The Jewish Agency
7. Report by Ms. Bernice Tannenbaum, Acting Chairman of American Section of the Zionist Executive.
3:00 — 6:00 p.m.
Plenary Session No. 2
1. Address — Mr. Max Fisher, Chairman of the Board of Governors
2. Reports — The Chairman of the Caesarea Commissions
a) Commission of Goals and Objectives — Prof. Re'anan Weitz
b) Commission on Jewish Education — Mr. Avraham Katz
c) Commission on Aliyah — Mr. Raphael Kotlowitz
d) Commission on Governance — Mr. Kalman Sulstank
Questions and Answers
3. Responses by representatives of the Faction (Constituent Groupings)
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d) Latin America
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Faction Caucuses
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Four Mini-Planums on the "Caesarea Process"
8:00 — 10:30 a.m.
Continuation of the four Mini-Planums of the "Caesarea Process"
Thursday, June 16, 1983
9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Plenary Session No. 3
- INTERPELLATIONS
- Reports by representatives of the Mini-Planums of the "Caesarea Process"
- Adoption of resolutions
Closing Addresses
Mr. Arya L. Dulzin, Chairman, W.Z.O. and The Jewish Agency
Mr. Ephraim Even, Chairman, Zionist General Council

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Monday, June 13, 1983, 9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
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